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'Coffee Day debt to drop to ₹1,000 crore'

BENGALURU
The debt position of the Coffee Day Group post repayment of debt out of proceeds from the sale of Global Village to private equity major Blackstone is expected to come down to ₹1,000 crore in the next 45 days, Coffee Day Enterprises said in a regulatory filing.

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Bescom to partner with IISc, IIMB

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Fouaad Mirza nominated for Arjuna Award

BENGALURU
Equestrian rider Fouaad Mirza has been recommended for the Arjuna Award. The 27-year-old from Bengaluru enjoyed a great run at the Asian Games last year, winning one silver medal in individual eventing and another silver with the Indian team in the team event. "I'm delighted to know that I've been recommended for the Arjuna Award. It's truly an honour and a privilege. It still hasn't sunk in yet. But, I've got goosebumps and I'm thrilled to have been acknowledged," he said.

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India, Bhutan ink 10 MoUs, vow to strengthen ties

PM Modi holds talks with Premier Tshering

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
THIMPHU

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Bhutanese counterpart Lotay Tshering held wide-ranging talks on Saturday and discussed steps to further expand the bilateral partnership across several sectors.

The two countries also signed 10 MoUs to infuse new energy in their ties.

"We had a comprehensive meeting, where we deliberated on the relations between India and Bhutan. There is great scope to further improve economic and



Strong bonds: PM Narendra Modi and his Bhutanese counterpart Lotay Tshering in Thimphu on Saturday. • PTI

cultural ties between our nations," Mr. Modi said.

Earlier, Mr. Modi, who is here on his second visit to Bhutan, inaugurated the Mangdechhu hydroelectric power plant and also launched stamps to commemorate five decades of in-

dia-Bhutan hydropower cooperation.

The two countries signed MoUs in the fields of space research, aviation, IT, power and education.

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A new year



Parsis in India celebrated New Year or Navroz on Saturday. Members of the community visited the Kappawala Agiary, or the fire temple, in Mumbai. In Iran, Zoroastrians celebrated the New Year on the Spring Equinox, March 21. • EMMANUEL YOGINI

SIT chargesheets Amol Kale, five others

All of them were members of an unnamed right-wing outfit

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Four years after scholar M.M. Kalburgi was assassinated at his house in Dharwad, the Special Investigation Team (SIT), on Saturday, filed a chargesheet in the case against six persons, all of whom are accused in the murder of journalist-activist Gauri Lankesh as well.

The six, including alleged kingpin Amol Kale, were members of the unnamed right-wing organisation that targeted rationalists.

The other accused in the case are gunman Ganesh

KALBURGI CASE

Miskin, 27, Praveen Prakash Chatur, 26, Vasudev Bhagwan Suryavamshi, 29, Sharad Kalaskar, 25, and Amit Ramachandra Baddi, 27. The SIT filed the chargesheet on Saturday in the special court in Dharwad. The modus operandi and the way the operation was carried out – from recess of Kalburgi's house to arms training – was similar to planning and killing of Gauri Lankesh.

In the Kalburgi case too, the men followed the in-

structions of Kale, who has been named the prime accused. "The accused were in constant touch with one another and took active measures to hide their identities," said the SIT in a three-page press release.

According to the police, they followed the guidelines and principles of 'Khastra Dharma Sadhana', a book published by the Goa-based right-wing Hindutva organisation, Sanatan Sanstha. Members of the unnamed organisation called their targets as 'durjans', or Hindus who are anti-Hindu.

They had identified Kalburgi as a 'durjan' based on a speech where he referenced a passage from a book, which they felt went against their doctrine. Kalburgi was killed in Dharwad allegedly by Ganesh Miskin on August 30, 2015.

The SIT filed the chargesheet against all the six accused under Sections 120 (b) (criminal conspiracy), 302 (murder), 449 (house trespass), 201 (causing evidence to disappear) of the IPC and also under various sections of the Indian Arms Act.

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Jaitley put on life support, says AIIMS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Former Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley, who has been admitted to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in the national capital since August 9, has been put on life support, AIIMS officials confirmed on Saturday.

President Ram Nath Kovind and Union Home Minister Amit Shah visited Mr. Jaitley on Friday as did Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan.

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Neriya, till a year ago, was finally shifted from Puthila to the mainland with only the seat belt tied to the rope.

Her husband, Shivakumar, a lecturer at Anugraha Pre-University College, Ujire, told *The Hindu* that Ms. Divya was delivered of a boy at K.S. Hegde Hospital, Deralakatte, near Mangaluru, on August 14. The couple have two daughters - Vamshi, 9, and Vruddhi, 4. "The NDRF and local people were really a godsend," Mr. Shivakumar said. The lecturer said that the family's arecanut plantation, near the river, is now filled with at least four ft. sludge. The same is the case with several arecanut growers in villages in the panchayat.



Divya Shivakumar (inset) being shifted to safety on August 10.

foothills of the Western Ghats were cut off.

They were hemmed in between the raging waters of the Mrutyunjaya on the one side and the dense forests of the Western Ghats on the other. In fact, rains and river water had brought down big trees and boulders

from the Western Ghats on to the roads, wrecking them.

Relief came the next day in the form of NDRF personnel and others, who established a link from one side of the river to the other by tying a makeshift rope. Ms. Divya, who taught at St. Thomas High School,

The ears and eyes of rail safety

It takes specially trained staff to detect a 'flat tyre' in a train



Special sense: Two gangmen checking the tracks on a railway bridge. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

RAHUL KARMAKAR
GUWAHATI

When Hitendra Baishya and Vikram Mishra stand across each other on the two platforms of the Changsari railway station, about 25 km north of Guwahati, their ears begin filtering out ambient sounds to concentrate on an approaching train.

As their eyes follow the train zooming past at 60-100 kmph, their ears "look out" for a hammering sound that appears indiscernible from the clackety-clack of steel wheels on iron track and the screech of the locomotive horn. "No flat tyre," Mr. Baishya, the station master, says after the blinking red tail lamps of the train fade into the horizon. Mr. Mishra, the pointsman, has a similar 'aural report'. Their informal visual reports are in agreement too; the Delhi-bound North East Express had no hanging parts.

"The wheels of a running

train make a rhythmic sound that may be off-tune if any wheel has a flat tyre. One needs to have highly developed senses to detect this amid the sounds that a train makes," says principal chief safety officer of Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) M.K. Agarwal.

The sense is developed through practical training for 20-30 days. A passenger coach has eight wheels and a locomotive 12. One or more of the wheels may develop flatness due to friction. The Railways allows up to 50 mm of flatness.

"If the flatness is within 50 mm, the wheel gets back the circular shape because of friction. If the flatness is more, the wheel makes a hammering sound. A train is then stopped, its bogie or locomotive detached for replacing the defective wheel," says Mr. Agarwal.

Mr. Baishya and Mr. Mishra, along with other staff,

scan an average of 40 pairs of passengers and mail express trains that pass through Changsari every day.

The drill to detect unusual sounds towards preventing accidents is the same at other stations and level crossings along the route.

Some railwaymen have learnt to sniff 'potential disaster' too. S. Ray and Mohammed G. Ali, gatemen at a level crossing on the western edge of Guwahati, have developed their olfactory senses to smell elephants from afar. The level crossing is on a track that runs between the Rani Reserve Forest and Deepor Beel, a major wetland designated as a Ramsar Site.

"There are certain sounds elephants make while making their way through the vegetation to come to the wetland. We have also learnt to smell them from a distance for sounding an alert," says Mr. Ray.

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dent conveyed the importance of India and Pakistan reducing tensions through bilateral dialogue regarding the situation in Jammu and Kashmir," read a statement from Deputy Press Secretary Hogan Gidley.

Last month, Mr. Trump

started a diplomatic kerfuffle when he told reporters in the presence of Mr. Khan that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had asked him to mediate in the Kashmir dispute.

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TUESDAY, AUG. 20

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Mysuru	26	19
Bengaluru	25	20

Bengaluru Today
26°C There are chances of moderate rains in pockets. A cloudy sky will prevail over the district.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
27°C One or two spells of moderate rain are expected. A cloudy sky is expected to persist.

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‘Implement 100% plastic ban by September 1’

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Subhash B. Adi, head, Karnataka chapter of National Green Tribunal (NGT), asked the BBMP to reach the target of 100% plastic ban by September 1. The Statewide ban on plastic came into effect in March 2016, following which the BBMP issued a circular in May fixing the penalty on those found manufacturing, supplying, storing, transporting, selling and distributing, and using the banned item.

The BBMP chief will appear before the NGT on August 20 regarding SWM.

BBMP to request for more time to implement NGT directions on SWM

NGT has urged the civic body not to depend on landfills for dumping of mixed waste

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), which is yet to finalise the Solid Waste Management (SWM) contract for Bengaluru, is under pressure to adhere to objectives put forth by the Karnataka chapter of the National Green Tribunal (NGT). Addressing the BBMP council on Saturday, Subhash B. Adi, who heads the chapter, urged the civic body to not depend on landfills for the dumping of mixed waste from November 1.

Expressing his displeasure over the continuation of dumping mixed waste in landfills despite rules and regulations, Mr. Adi said that the only way forward is strict enforcement of compulsory segregation of waste at source. “Dumping mixed waste in landfills is a criminal offence. Recently, the deputy commissioner has denied space for a new landfill, and the existing landfills will shortly run out of space,” he said.

Segregation and in-situ composting is the way forward. Effective segregation of waste at source is the answer to Bengaluru’s dependence on landfills. While addressing councillors and officials, he sought their help to meet the NGT’s objectives on a range of issues from the use of plastic to segregation of waste at source. “Though it [the latter] was made mandatory three years ago, it is still not being implemented



Subhash B. Adi, head, Karnataka chapter of NGT, addressing councillors on Saturday at a special meeting to discuss solid waste management. ■ V. SREENIVASA MURTHY

Resolutions passed unanimously by the council

- Contribute ₹5 crore to Chief Minister’s Relief Fund
- Councillors to donate one month’s honorarium to Chief Minister’s Relief Fund
- Celebration of Ganesha festival at National College Ground, Basavanagudi to be extended from 5 days to 11 days

properly,” he said.

Mr. Adi warned the BBMP that heavy fines would be imposed if it did not comply with the order. Unless there is a fear of liability of huge fines, people will not take the issue seriously. “There should be an online process for immediate, strict, and ef-

fective system to collect fines,” he said.

He urged the councillors to take forward the Namma Kasa-Namma Javabdari initiative to every ward by installing wet waste composting units. “We must give priority to in-situ composting and community com-

posting. I have already directed officials to identify land in each ward for community composting,” he said.

‘Fresh tender is yet to be finalised’

Mayor Gangambike Mallikarjun said that the civic body would seek more time to stop dumping of mixed waste in landfills.

“Since the fresh tender is yet to be finalised, we would need more time to implement what the NGT says,” the Mayor said.

Ms. Mallikarjun called upon citizens to cooperate with the BBMP for proper

Objectives of NGT

- Ban on plastic
- Imposing heavy fines on violators
- Waste segregation at source
- Wet waste generated by households to be composted at source, street, ward, or community level
- Recycling of dry waste
- Scientific processing of hazardous waste
- Implementation of Solid Waste Management Rules 2016

implementation of the plastic ban and SWM Rules of 2016.

Under the new garbage tenders that are likely to be finalised soon, contractors can pick up only segregated wet waste while ragpickers will be given the responsibility of collecting dry waste twice a week, she said.

Former mayor G. Padmavathi requested the NGT to give ‘special packages’ to industrial areas that are different from residential areas. “Wards which have thriving cottage industries and other small-scale units produce a lot of waste. Hence, they need special infrastructure,” she said.

A senior councillor told *The Hindu* that though the intention of the NGT was good, some of its guidelines were not feasible. “They want ward level composting units. However, scores of wards across the city have no space for anything,” the councillor said.

Bescom plans to partner with IISc. and IIMB

Power utility to enable knowledge sharing and capacity building

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

In the list of complaints against Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (Bescom), two issues are unreliable power supply and difficulty in accessing grievance redressal.

The power utility, which caters to the State capital as well as seven other districts, has decided to take advantage of its location and bring on board two premier institutions in Bengaluru to help tackle these problems.

Bescom is set to tie up with the Indian Institute of Science (IISc.) and Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore (IIMB) to enable knowledge sharing and capacity building. Its Technical Innovation Centre is in the process of formalising tie-ups with the institutions, officials said.

Anil Kumar D’Souza, Head, Technology Innovation Centre, said the memorandums of understanding (MoUs) with the two institutions will facilitate guidance, sharing of problems and solutions, and enable mutual knowledge sharing and capacity building.

“We have a lot of challenges and might be struggling to find solutions. A knowledge base is important. We have listed 20 categories that can be worked on,” he said.

Among the specific areas that the power utility intends to get expertise from IISc. are technical aspects such as smart grid and smart meter.

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ANIL KUMAR D’SOUZA, Head, Technology Innovation Centre, Bescom

From the IIMB, Bescom hopes to get suggestions on customer engagement, management and socio-economic analysis.

Technical Discussion Forum

Bescom recently started a ‘Technical Discussion Forum’ online, but at present only employees can post suggestions.

As many as 22 categories have been listed for discussion, including advanced metering infrastructure, renewable energy, power quality management, safety and standards, cyber security, disaster management, distribution automation, public policy management, EV charging infrastructure and energy storage.

“We are planning to open the forum to academic institutions soon,” officials said.

The power utility had recently tied up with Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited (Tata Power-DDL) – a joint venture between Tata Power and the government of the National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi – to share best practices and solutions to problems.

Residents adopt government schools in their locality

Some have helped revamp them while others have volunteered to teach the students

NIVED UTHAIAH P.
BENGALURU

There are some who complain about the quality of government schools, and others who decide to pitch in to help improve them.

Residents in some city neighbourhoods fit in the latter category. They are adopting government schools in their locality by not only helping to revamp them, but also serving as volunteer teachers.

Some proactive residents in Whitefield decided to adopt the Ramagondanahalli government higher primary school in 2008. The group – Whitefield Ready – initially wanted to do “something good” in their neighbourhood and decided to spend a few hours every week to teach English to the students. But, while teaching, they stumbled upon the dismal condition of the school and wanted to chip in to help students access a better quality of education.

They started with five volunteers in 2007, and now

CITY WARRIORS

they have grown to 57. These volunteers do not focus on the syllabus in the textbook, but find novel ways to help students by providing supplementary classes in English and maths for a few hours a week that are usually earmarked for classes like SUPW that usually go unused. From one school they have extended their support to five more in the same locality, Sumedha Rao, a member of the team, said.

The group has also mobilised funds to build toilets and hired janitors to maintain the toilets. Over the years, they have built various other infrastructure through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives.

The students too acknowledge the efforts of these volunteers. One of the students from the Ramagondanahalli government school, who is now in class 10, said the volunteers’ passion to teach



One of the schools that has been adopted.

gets students interested in the subjects. “They have also been able to teach us the importance of English,” she said.

Near Kanakapura road, a few residents of Mantri Tranquil, an apartment complex, registered themselves under the banner of Tranquil Charitable Foundation (TCF) and adopted a government school about two kilometres from their apartment in 2009.

Sriram Visvanathan, one of the trustees of the foundation, said they

decided to start volunteering at the Gubbala Higher Primary School. But they found that the building was dilapidated, the toilets were unusable and the students’ learning levels were not up to the mark. There were only two teachers for over 200 students.

They then decided to form a trust and persuade the government to rebuild the school at another location. After the school was ready, they used their contacts to mobilise funds to procure teaching aids and

also recruited a separate set of teachers to assist the existing teachers, who were appointed by the Department of Public Instruction.

They have also set in place a system to provide remedial teaching to students. Those who are unable to achieve grade-wise competency in certain subjects are made to attend sessions led by volunteers who give them personal attention.

Srinivas Narayanaswamy, managing trustee of TCF, said, “It is good if a community adopts a government school in their locality. It is not very difficult; it’s a simple task; providing two teachers/ volunteers to a school is more than enough to change the lives of students. There are qualified people who are looking to do good and they just need an outlet or an opportunity. From my experience, it is both ways, students need the volunteers as much as the volunteers need the students.”

Dance event

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Udupa Foundation will present Nrityakatha 2019, tales through dance on Sunday. The event will be held at JSS Auditorium, Shivaratheeshwara Centre, 1st Main Road, 8th Block, Jayanagar.

Businessman arrested for birthday party on road

Alleged event took place at Mallathalli

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Jnana Bharathi Nagar police arrested a 38-year-old businessman for blocking a road to celebrate his birthday on Thursday.

According to the police, the accused, Girish, is a resident of Basaveshwara Nagar. He had put up a pandal

and arranged a party for his friends in front of his ancestral house on 3rd cross at Mallathalli.

Hundreds of people thronged the spot for a free meal and blocked the road much to the anger of motorists, pedestrians and residents.

Based on a complaint, a team led by Sub-Inspector Kantharaju L. rushed to the spot. Sensing trouble, the revellers fled from the spot. The police seized the pandal. They later tracked down Girish and arrested him under Section 283 (danger or obstruction in public way or line of navigation) of the IPC.

BBMP set to become zero waste campus

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) headquarters is all set to embrace a zero waste way of life. Mayor Gangambike Mallikarjun on Saturday inaugurated the Zero Waste Campus project at the headquarters of the civic body as part of its ‘Namma Kasa Namma Javabdari’ motto.

Two composters of 70-kilogram capacity have been installed to convert wet waste into manure. Two leaf composters have also been installed.

The BBMP office houses as many as 134 different departments and produces 50 tonnes of wet waste every

day. All the offices have been given green dustbins to collect wet waste and blue ones for dry waste. All wash-rooms will have red bins for sanitary waste.

“There are four buildings in the campus with thousands of employees and a canteen. We have also installed a composter in the temple inside the campus to compost flowers,” the Mayor said. Dry waste will be collected by rag-pickers once a week.

BBMP Commissioner N. Manjunath Prasad said, “This project sets as an example to other offices. It sends out a message that the enforcement agency is also following what it asks people to do.”

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When no roads lead to the coast

Torrential rain affects Charmadi, Shiradi, Sampaje ghat roads much more than usual this year

ANIL KUMAR SASTRY
MANGALURU

Instead of bringing joy, the mention of monsoon brings a scare to many people travelling between the coast and other parts of the State as they dread the loss of connectivity.

The fears came true this year as well, but with greater intensity, with the Charmadi Ghat becoming the victim of torrential rain that lashed the region in August second week. Part of Mangaluru-Vilupuram National Highway 73, the ghat connects Dakshina Kannada to Chikkamagaluru districts and many parts of central Karnataka.



Closed for traffic: One of the sites of a landslide on Charmadi Ghat section of National Highway 73. As many as 60 landslips have been reported here. ■SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Last year too

In the third week of August last year, the Shiradi Ghat on Mangaluru-Bengaluru NH 75 and the Sampaje Ghat on Mangaluru-Mysuru NH 275 had witnesses multiple landslips following heavy rain and remained closed for several days. While Charmadi had remained the only link then, the National Highways division of the Public Works Department (PWD) is now not sure how long it would take to restore the Charmadi Ghat road that has witnessed 60 landslips this time, both minor and major ones.

Gopal Pai, a software engineer from Mani in Dakshina Kannada who stays in Bengaluru, regretted the government lacking a commitment to ensure hassle-free travel between the coast and other parts of the State. Mr. Pai, who had launched #connectustomangaluru Twitter campaign last year against the indefinite closure of Shiradi Ghat road, said he was unable to understand the government's apparent helplessness. "If the government

Rail connectivity too affected

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MANGALURU

Added to the road connectivity woes, train services between the coast and Bengaluru too have been disrupted again this year following landslips between Sakleshpur and Subrahmanya Road stations in the ghat section of Mangaluru-Hassan railway line.

In August last year, the stretch had witnessed landslips at nearly 70 locations and train services were suspended for over a month. This year, South Western Railway (SWR) authorities, who were closing the stretch off and on since August first week, have now closed the section till August 23 following



Clearing debris: Work on restoring services on the railway line between Sakleshpur and Subrahmanya Road stations is under way. ■SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

recurring landslips. SWR's Mysuru Divisional Railway Manager Aparna Garg, who is monitoring the restoration work, said she had been to the spot on Friday too and trekked about 5 km to reach the affected areas. Work is on at

a brisk pace, she said. Ms. Garg told *The Hindu* that about 80 labourers each were working to restore the tracks at two sites – near Sakleshpur and towards Subrahmanya Road along with 15 supervisors at each spot and three officers.

cannot spend money to ensure connectivity, who else can do it?" he said.

PWD officials did not ex-

pect Charmadi Ghat would have to be closed down, but extremely heavy rain on August 9 and 10 (over 500 mm)

in the Kottigehara region belied their expectations. The 23-km ghat stretch in Chikkamagaluru and Dakshina Kan-

With animals gone, farmers lose key income source

Of the 750 milk producers' societies affiliated to KMF in Belagavi district, only 600 are functional

RISHIKESH BAHADUR DESAI
BELAGAVI

For farmers in flood-hit Belagavi district, it is not just loss of crops that they have to contend with but also that of cattle, small animals, and chicken.

Ramappa Gudikatti of Halagatti village near Ramdurg used to earn around 700 a day by selling the milk from his two cows. One cow was washed away in the Malaprabha waters. Now, he is left with only one cow and an unpaid loan of around ₹35,000. "I will have to spend ₹50,000 to buy a hybrid cow. I will also have to repay the old loan. It is not going to be easy," he said.

Most of the people of Halagatti, a village on the banks of the Malaprabha, depend on farming. Shankar Rao Pa-

til, a young farmer, said the village collected around 1,000 litres of milk a day.

"It has come down to 400 litres a day now," said Ravi Sadashiva who manages the village cooperative dairy.

Of the 750 milk producers' cooperative societies affiliated to the Karnataka Milk Federation in the district, only around 600 are functional. They used to provide nearly 1.9 lakh litres of milk a day. This has been reduced by around 35,000 litres since heavy rain began on August 2.

'They were my bank'

Gangappa Nayak's family members were evacuated four days before the floods hit their village of Talkatnal. He is worried about the 30 sheep he lost. "I used to rear



A shed at Siddapurwadi in Belagavi district where cattle of flood-hit farmers are being looked after. ■P.K. BADIGER

sheep and sell them to earn money to send my children and grandchildren to school. I would also make enough money for my routine expenses and for organising festivals in my home. They were like my own bank

at home," Mr. Nayak said. Basavaraj Sultanpuri, a farmer from Bailhongal, said that loss of animals hits small farmers particularly hard. "A pair of high-yielding buffaloes costs around ₹1.5 lakh and a pair of cows costs

Shiradi project pending with MoRTH

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MANGALURU

A proposal on permanent restoration work on Shiradi Ghat, including building river embankment at last year's rain-affected stretches, is pending with the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH). Sources said it would soon be cleared.

By the time the proposal reached MoRTH, elections were declared and funds could not be released, sources said, and added that ₹45 crore would shortly be released for the work.

Though MoRTH had sanctioned funds to improve Charmadi Ghat road, the recent cloudburst has wrecked havoc and hence it would await fresh estimates from the State government to release funds. Similar was the case with Sampaje Ghat, sources said.

nada districts has witnessed deep cuttings at a few locations.

"We are clearing the debris now. Only after this we will get to know the exact quantum of damage," M. Ganesh, chief engineer of PWD's NH division, told *The Hindu*. With the department's proposal to concrete this stretch at a cost of around ₹250 crore still pending with the Union Road Transport and Highways Ministry, the PWD is adding proposals to build concrete retaining walls at select stretches.

Links to rain-battered villages being restored

Most of the houses in Charmadi GP limits get power supply



Open again: The approach road to Parlani bridge across the Mrutyunjaya has been temporarily restored in Charmadi Gram Panchayat limits in Dakshina Kannada. ■SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

RAVIPRASAD KAMILA
MANGALURU

A week after the flash floods in the Mrutyunjaya devastated them, one of the three bridges that connected over 400 families in Charmadi Gram Panchayat limits to the mainland has now been temporarily restored.

More than 1,500 people living on the foot of the Western Ghats had lost connectivity with the mainland (Charmadi) after the bridge at Annaru and the approaches to the bridges at Aralapade and Parlani got washed away. People of several villages at the foot of the ghats, beyond which there is nothing but dense forest, had lost connectivity with the mainland. Villagers from those areas who had come to the Charmadi side too had been stranded as they were not able to return.

Prakash Shetty, Panchayat Development Officer (PDO), Charmadi Gram Panchayat, told *The Hindu* that the approach road to Parlani bridge had been temporarily

restored. The trunks of huge trees and boulders that had got stuck at the bridge have been removed. People are using the bridge and two-wheelers and four-wheelers are also plying on it.

Removing debris

The bridge at Aralapade is expected to be temporarily restored soon. "Three earth-movers are being used to restore the approaches to the bridge by removing the debris and tree trunks," the PDO said, and added that arrangements would be made such that two-wheelers could also ply on it.

There is a proposal to construct a hanging bridge or steel bridge at Annaru for now as reconstructing the bridge that has been washed away will take at least a year. The Executive Engineer of the Public Works Department and authorities of the Master Plannery, Puttur, a construction institution known for making pre-cast concrete materials, have visited the spot for a study.

Ravi Poojary, a member of the panchayat, said Mescom restored power supply to most of the houses affected by the floods on Saturday. People who are returning from the houses of their relatives or relief camps are cleaning the houses and doing restoration works. But the huge task of removing sludge from arecanut plantations remains, he said.

62 families hit

Mr. Shetty said as per the preliminary estimation, 62 families had lost their houses fully or partially. Of them, 24 families have now shifted to the rented accommodation.

Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa has announced that the government would give ₹5,000 as rent a month to those who have permanently lost their houses. In addition, they will be given ₹5 lakh for rebuilding their houses. The government will give ₹1 lakh to those whose houses have been partially damaged for taking up repairs.

Donation to Chief Minister's relief fund

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Karnataka Soaps and Detergents Ltd. (KSDL) on Wednesday donated ₹2 crore towards the Chief Minister's Natural Calamity Relief Fund.

A cheque was handed over to the Chief Minister by KSDL officials, said a release. Marketing Communication and Advertising Ltd. (MC&A) contributed ₹1 crore towards the fund on Wednesday. A cheque was pre-

sent to the Chief Minister. Chief Secretary T.M. Vijay Bhaskar, Principal Secretary, Commerce and Industries, Gaurav Gupta, and MC&A managing director V.T. Venkatesh were present, said a release.

'Set up concessional food outlets in flood-hit villages'

KPCC panel seeks fee relief for students of affected families

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HUBBALLI

The Union government should immediately declare the devastating floods in Karnataka as a 'national calamity' and extend assistance for providing relief to the affected, a study committee set up by the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) has said.

The team assessed the situation in the flood-affected areas in Belagavi Revenue Division and submitted its interim report.

Led by the former Minister H.K. Patil, the committee members had travelled across various districts, interacted with the affected people, and also distributed relief materials.

Recommendations

The recommendations include setting up of concessional food outlets on the lines of Indira Canteen in all villages that have been se-



Spot visit: A file photo of Munavalli village flooded by the Malaprabha waters. The KPCC team toured affected areas in Belagavi Revenue Division.

verely affected by the floods and continuing them for at least a year.

Pointing out that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had not visited Karnataka despite the State being devastated by floods, the team urged the State government to demand immediate assistance of ₹5,000 crore from the Centre. The team also pointed out that the aerial survey by Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had not yielded any

result and Karnataka had not been given any assistance.

Special scheme to provide temporary employment to the flood-affected people, disbursement of an *ex gratia* of ₹25,000 for four months to the families that have lost employment owing to floods, and giving exemption to students of flood-affected families from paying fees for various courses, including professional courses, are among the committee's recommendations.

Modi's attitude towards State disgraceful: Ex-CM

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

As the Centre is yet to announce a flood relief fund to Karnataka, the former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Saturday accused the Narendra Modi-led NDA government of ignoring the State at a time when floods have wreaked lives of lakhs of people and termed as "disgraceful" the attitude of the Prime Minister.

"None of the previous Prime Ministers, including [the late] A.B. Vajpayee, had ignored the State during natural calamities. But the

attitude of Mr. Modi towards the State and Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, in spite of [the BJP having] 25 MPs, is disgraceful," Mr. Siddaramaiah said in a tweet.

Taking a dig at the Centre, the former Chief Minister said, "We Kannadigas shall never tolerate this callous attitude."

In another tweet, he said, "Looks like Mr. Yediyurappa is scared of the PM. In that case, he should at least take all-party representatives with him; we will speak on his behalf in front of @narendramodi."

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Kale, Miskin and Chatur conspired for months before Kalburgi hit

In its chargesheet, SIT states that Amol Kale instructed Ganesh Miskin to conduct a recce of the scholar's house and chose him to carry out the assassination

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Amol Kale, who has been named prime accused in the murder of scholar M.M. Kalburgi, met with alleged shooter Ganesh Miskin and Praveen Chatur, another accused, several times near Indira Gandhi Glasshouse in Hubballi between January and May 2015 to plan the assassination.

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the case, which filed a chargesheet on Saturday, said in a release that it was Kale who instructed Miskin to conduct a recce of Kalburgi's house and chose him to carry out the assassination. He also instructed Chatur to ferry Miskin on a stolen motorcycle to Kalburgi's residence on August 30, 2015.

That month, Kale took Miskin and Chatur to a rubber plantation in Pilathabetu village of Dakshina Kannada district, where he allegedly trained them to handle country-made pistols.

Timeline of the probe

August 30, 2015: Two men on a motorcycle shoot writer M.M. Kalburgi at point-blank range at his home in Dharwad

September 2, 2015: The Criminal Investigation Department, which took over the case the day after the assassination, releases two sketches of the suspect

January 2018: Frustrated with the lack of progress, Umadevi, wife of Kalburgi, approaches the Supreme Court seeking a probe by a Special Investigation Team

February 26, 2019: Supreme Court transfers the case to the SIT probing the murder of activist-journalist Gauri Lankesh

April 24, 2019: In first status report to the Dharwad Bench of the High Court, SIT seeks more time as it expresses suspicion about the role of the accused in the Gauri Lankesh and Kalburgi murders



M.M. Kalburgi



Gauri Lankesh

How the cases are linked

1 Amol Kale from Pune

He took over the leadership of the unnamed organisation after the arrest of Virendra Tawade in 2016 by the Central Bureau of Investigation for his involvement in the murder of Narendra Dabholkar. He is accused of planning the assassinations of Gauri Lankesh and M.M. Kalburgi, conducting surveys and recce of the targets, as well as training and arming the gunmen

2 Ganesh Miskin from Hubballi

Role in Gauri case: Was the biker who took Parashuram Waghmore, the alleged hitman, to Gauri's house; surveyed her house for months before the assassination

Role in Kalburgi case: He was the hitman, who went to the house and shot Kalburgi twice before fleeing

3 Praveen Prakash Chatur from Belagavi

Role in Gauri case: Listed as witness

Role in Kalburgi case: The biker who ferried Miskin to Kalburgi's residence

4 Vasudev Bhagavan Suryavamsh from Jalgaon district in Maharashtra

Role in Gauri case: He was the 16th person to be arrested. Going by the code name 'Mechanic', he procured the bike used by the team that assassinated Gauri

Role in Kalburgi case: He played a similar role. He stole a black-blue Bajaj Discover bike from Hubballi and handed it over to Miskin

5 Amith Ramchandra Baddi from Hubballi

Role in Gauri case: He collected the pistol after the hit

Role in Kalburgi case: Helped steal the bike

6 Sharad Kalaskar from Aurangabad

In both cases, he was the custodian of the weapon. The bikes used in the crimes were recovered through him

said the SIT in a release to the media.

The case was originally investigated by the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) for nearly four years before being handed over to the SIT. Building on the evidence collected by the CID, the SIT indicted Kale and six of his associates for conspiring and shooting Kalburgi at point blank.

Miskin, an incense stick maker from Hubballi, was allegedly the hitman and happens to be a key accused in the murder of activist-journalist Gauri Lankesh as well. According to the SIT investigation, Chatur waited on the bike while Miskin, posing as Kalburgi's student, shot the scholar.

The six accused, who were members of an unnamed organisation that targeted rationalists and scholars,

decided to murder Kalburgi after he referenced a passage from a book that made observations.

Recruitment

"While recruiting members to the organisation, emphasis was given to those persons with a history of aggression and violence and those who had a criminal background. The recruitment drive was very meticulous," said a senior police officer, adding that Kale identified potential recruits based on intelligence inputs gathered from his own sources and on observing them at events held by right-wing organisations.

The members conspired and trained at various places in both Karnataka and Maharashtra and were careful about how they communicated.

With Shah's approval, BSY set to expand Cabinet on Tuesday

Party expected to select 16 to 18 Ministers in the first round

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa is all set to expand his Cabinet on Tuesday. He made the announcement on Saturday after holding discussions with BJP national president Amit Shah, who is learnt to have approved a list of legislators to be given ministerial berths.

A BJP Legislature Party meeting will be held at the Vidhana Soudha on Tuesday morning. Post noon on the same day, anywhere between a dozen to 18 legislators are expected to be sworn in as Ministers at the Raj Bhavan.

Mr. Yediyurappa camped in New Delhi on Friday and Saturday and obtained clearance for Cabinet expansion. Indications are that the party will induct 16-18 members into the Cabinet in the first round and keep a few posts vacant to accommodate Congress and JD(S) rebels, now disqualified, later.

The party is expected to do a balancing act by giving representation to dominant



Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa with Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi on Saturday. *SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

communities, regional aspirations, experienced legislators, and some young faces.

Though Mr. Yediyurappa took oath as Chief Minister on July 26, he has remained in a one-man Cabinet for over 20 days. The Congress and the JD(S) have constantly taunted him over this and accused him of being unable to manage the situation on his own amid devastating floods in the State.

Though Mr. Yediyurappa had visited Delhi earlier in

the hope of getting approval for Cabinet expansion, he had to return empty-handed as the flood situation aggravated even as central BJP leaders too were busy following the death of veteran leader Sushma Swaraj.

On Friday, the Chief Minister also called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi and various other Union Ministers to seek aid from the Centre for flood relief and to expedite development projects in the State.

gesheet at a special court in Dharwad.

On August 30, 2015, Kale, Miskin and Chatur met at Indira Gandhi Glasshouse at 7

a.m. and Kale handed over a bag containing a 7.65 mm country-made pistol to Miskin. Miskin, along with Chatur, used a stolen bike and

reached Kalburgi's house at around 8.30 a.m. "Ganesh Miskin then went to the house and shot Dr. M.M. Kalburgi twice in his forehead,"

More disgruntled MLAs to join BJP?

The party is believed to be wooing them in order to strengthen its position in the Assembly

LAIQAH A. KHAN
MYSURU

Less than a month after the Congress-Janata Dal (S) coalition government lost the trust vote 99-105 in the State Assembly, speculation is rife that more JD(S) and Congress MLAs could join the saffron ranks in the State.

As many as 17 MLAs, including three from the JD(S) and 12 from the Congress, resigned from the Assembly last month, paving the way for the Bharatiya Janata Party's B.S. Yediyurappa to be

sworn in as Chief Minister. According to sources, some more MLAs from the two parties are expected to join the BJP in the coming days. "Some of them [disgruntled legislators] are in contact with the BJP leadership in Delhi," a disqualified MLA told *The Hindu* on condition of anonymity.

Contrary to reports that BJP leaders were reluctant to accommodate more migrant MLAs by alienating the loyalists who are nursing hopes of getting Cabinet berths, the

party is believed to be wooing them in order to strengthen its position in the Assembly. For, the longevity of the BJP government in the State now depends on the number of seats the party wins in the Assembly byelections from 17 constituencies.

The BJP, which has 105 members in the Assembly at present, will need to have at least 113 members to cross the halfway mark in the 225-member House. "If they don't win in at least 10 constituencies, the BJP govern-

ment will be on shaky ground," a source said. Hence, the BJP does not want to take any chances and is working out a strategy to secure the support of MLAs from other parties as a back up.

However, the modalities for their entry into the BJP are still being worked out as the number of MLAs crossing over should be more than two-thirds the strength of the party in order to avoid provisions of the anti-defection law.

Former Minister G.T. Deve Gowda, who has already drawn media attention with his pro-BJP remarks, had revealed that a section of party MLAs had expressed a desire to support the BJP government at a recent JD(S) Legislature Party meeting in Bengaluru. His son Harish Gowda is being touted as a possible BJP candidate to contest from Hunsur Assembly segment, from where former Minister A.H. Vishwanath had won as JD(S) candidate in 2018.

No plans to cut funds for Anna Bhagya: CM

Grants released for scheme, he says

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Faced with criticism that his government is cutting allocations for welfare schemes, Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa has clarified that he has no plans of cutting funds for Anna Bhagya, a scheme that offers free rice to the poor.

"Our government is a pro-people government. I have already signed the file to release grants to continue Anna Bhagya scheme," he said in a press release on Saturday.

Siddaramaiah's threat

Earlier in the day, former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah lambasted the government's proposal to "meddle with" the Anna Bhagya scheme and said the party would launch protests if the Yediyurappa government reduced the

quantity of rice and limited the number of beneficiaries. "These anti-poverty schemes are acting as a support system during this economic slowdown, which is a result of [Narendra] Modi's short-sighted and careless approach towards policy-making. Any change to our pro-poor schemes will disturb the livelihoods of many families," he said. "I have also learnt that the government is not providing funds for Indira Canteens, which [cost] around ₹200 crore a year."

The BJP government has decided to conduct a survey of BPL families for eliminating "bogus beneficiaries". The Congress government launched the Anna Bhagya scheme to provide 30 kg of rice free of cost to 1.12 crore BPL families across the State.

Tanker catches fire: Driver injured during escape bid

STAFF REPORTER
TUMAKURU

A 25-year-old driving an oil tanker sustained head injuries after he jumped from the vehicle after it came in contact with a wire and caught fire near Somalapur in Gubbi taluk of Tumakuru district on Saturday.

The driver, Mohammed Pygan, lost control of the

vehicle near Somalapura as he attempted to swerve to avoid an electric cable fallen on the road. The edible oil tanker, which was going to Nanjangud, near Mysuru, from Mumbai, came in contact with the cable anyway and caught fire.

Pygan is being treated at the Tumakuru district government hospital.

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Andhra Pradesh CM thanks Indian diaspora

VIJAYAWADA
Speaking at a reception hosted by the Indian Ambassador to the U.S. Harsh Vardhan Shringla at Washington D.C., A.P. Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy thanked the Indian diaspora for contributing to a strong foundation for the strategic partnership between the world's oldest and largest democracies.

Suspect in triple talak case released on bail

KOZHIKODE
E.K. Hussam, 32, who was arrested by the Mukkom police on Friday for allegedly divorcing his wife through the banned triple talak provision, was released on bail on Saturday. He was the first in Kerala to be arrested under the Muslim Women (protection of Rights on Marriage) Act.

Lending a helping hand in times of financial distress

Marketing executives' innovative solution to help colleagues who lose jobs

K. SRINIVASA RAO
VIZIANAGARAM

A group of marketing executives in Vizianagaram has come up with an innovative solution to take care of employees who lose jobs at short notice in the Fast-Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) business.

The executives have started a Sales Field Force Welfare Association to provide loans up to ₹5,000 per month to help them make ends meet on a temporary basis. "Our aim is to instil confidence among them during the time of crisis. We help them find new jobs and meet travel expenses to attend interviews. Later, they can repay us the money in easy instalments without any interest," said P. Panakala Rao, president of the Association which has 450 members.



The Sales Field Force Welfare Association holding a trade fair in Vizianagaram to help members meet their targets.

Each member has to contribute ₹500 per year to the association which was established in 2003. The corpus enables them to also meet the medical expenses of the members.

Earlier, the association allowed only marketing executives as members. But it is now allowing sales personnel of sectors like automobiles, pharmaceuticals, home appliances and others to become members. To boost the

sales of various companies, the association organised a trade fair in Vizianagaram from August 16 to 18.

"Marketing executives learn several new techniques from one another through interactions at such events," Mr. Panakala Rao said.

Indian Groceries Company director Prasanna Kumar Durga welcomed the move and said companies would go for retrenchment as a last resort, to secure the organisation's future. "With the entry of multinational companies into Tier-II cities like Vizianagaram, many small and medium businesses would face unexpected challenges in marketing. It will have an adverse impact on the staff. The association's helping hand at such a time is laudable," he said.

A.P. invites reverse tenders for Polavaram project

Govt. to start online bidding tomorrow

STAFF REPORTER
VIJAYAWADA

Disregarding the advice of R.K. Jain, CEO of the Polavaram Project Authority (PPA), to abandon the idea of pre-closure and re-tendering, or keep it in abeyance till the Central government takes a considered view of the matter, the Andhra Pradesh government issued a notification inviting reverse tenders for the construction of the Polavaram power house and head works, estimated to cost ₹4,988 crore.

Online bidding will start on August 19 and close in 30 days, and the bidders may visit <https://tender.approcurement.gov.in> for the purpose.

The invitation for reverse tenders follows the expert



The Andhra Pradesh government has put the estimated cost of the Polavaram project at ₹4,988 crore. •FILE PHOTO

committee's report that irregularities in the project implementation had caused a loss of nearly ₹3,200 crore to the exchequer as the Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) clause was blatantly violated.

The YSRCP government, led by Jagan Mohan Reddy, recently cancelled the contract awarded to Navayuga Engineering Company Limited (NECL) and had since

resolved to go in for reverse tendering.

Talking to the media during a visit to flood-affected areas here, Water Resources Minister P. Anil Kumar said the tender documents were being uploaded and the price the government expected to realise through reverse tendering would be less than the base price, and the process was like that of any regular tender.

Legal luminaries stress need for mediation

'It's one way to reduce pending cases'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

At a day-long conclave organised by the India Legal Research Foundation, legal luminaries said the country should accept mediation and arbitration as a formal route to resolve disputes, considering the huge number of pending cases.

Former Chief Justice of India M.N. Venkatachaliah said the judiciary should adopt technology, including artificial intelligence, to mitigate delays. "Recognising and giving more importance to arbi-

tration and mediation of disputes is one way to reduce pending cases," he said. About 34 million cases are pending resulting in precious loss of man hours and money notionally to the tune of ₹2 lakh crore per year, he said.

Union Minister for Highways Nitin Gadkari, through video conference, said the country needed an independent, fair, arbitration system to resolve disputes. "The contractors are the worst-hit, they never get justice and are destroyed because of delays."

Pet dogs save goat herd amid Kerala floods

ABDUL LATHEEF NAHA
MALAPPURAM

Country dogs they might be, but five pet dogs in Kerala could have won awards at any prestigious sheepdog trials as they guarded and guided a herd of 47 goats and a brood hens for four days amid torrential rain and floods. When Janaki Amma and her family were forced to evacuate their home in Nedumkayam tribal colony, near Nilambur in central Kerala last week due to floods, there was little they could do for their livestock and pet dogs. But Janaki Amma left the cages open hoping the animals would survive nature's fury.

And when she returned from the relief camp after four days, she found her



Tending to the flock: Janaki Amma, left, and Sally Varma feeding the dogs and goats on Saturday. •SAKEER HUSSAIN

herd hungry but safe. When the floodwaters rose in the colony, the dogs had guided the goats to higher ground, even carrying four goat kids to safety.

"All of them were very hungry, almost on the verge

of collapse. Yet, they took care of each other," said Sally Varma, Humane Society International (HIS) outreach coordinator, who examined the animals and provided 100 kg goat feed and 50 kg dog food. Janaki Amma's son

Kalesh said his family had faith in their dogs that they would not only desist from causing any harm to the goats but also protect them from the floodwaters.

"It was an amazing sight of coexistence we ought to learn from them. When I brought them food, all three groups were seen eating voraciously from the same container," said Ms. Varma.

The HIS reached out to the tribal family with animal food at a time when no dog food or goat feed was available in the markets around, most of which have been hit by the floods. "When we offered help, Janaki Amma accepted the food for the animals alone. She refused to accept anything for her family, said Ms Varma.

Fire in furniture godown kills one in Bengaluru

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

A 25-year-old worker suffocated to death when a fire broke out at a furniture godown in D.J. Halli early Saturday morning. Four workers, who were sleeping in the factory at the time escaped but sustained injuries, said the police, who have filed a case of negligence against factory owner Mansoor Khan.

"The deceased has been identified as Mullar, who hails from Uttar Pradesh. He ran into the toilet when the fire broke out, and was suffocated," said the police.

The injured workers – Gulmar, Nazeer, Muneer and Muzbair – are recovering

in a private hospital. They went to the terrace and raised an alarm, following which neighbours alerted fire and emergency services. "Their condition is stable," said the police.

It took fire and emergency personnel three hours to douse the blaze. The police suspect the blaze was the result of an electrical short circuit.

"It spread quickly as fabric and cushion materials were stocked in the godown. We have arrested Khan for negligence, and are questioning him. The workers given shelter in the building, but no safety measures were in place," said the police.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

RECRUITMENT AGAINST CULTURAL QUOTA in Group 'C' categories for the year 2019-20
(Employment Notice No. 02/2019 [Cultural])

South Western Railway invites applications in the prescribed format from eligible candidates for 02 Group 'C' posts to be recruited in Level-2 in VII CPC Pay Matrix (Pay Band-1 Rs.5200-20200 in Grade Pay Rs.1900 in VI CPC) against Cultural Quota for the year 2019-20 in the following disciplines:-

Sl. No.	Discipline	Number of Posts
1	Indian Classical Dance	01
2	Light Vocal (Hindusthani or Carnatic Music Style)	01

AGE : 18 - 30 years as on 01-01-2020.
(Details of Age Relaxation for SC / ST / OBC / Resident of Jammu & Kashmir / Serving Railway Employees / Staff of Quasi Administrative offices or organisations such as Railway Consumer Co-operative Societies, Canteens and Institutes / Widows / Divorced Women / Women judicially separated from husbands, who are not remarried / PWDs / Ex-Servicemen, etc. available on website).

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION:
a) Indian Classical Dance: Possession of Degree / Diploma / Certificate in Indian Classical Dance from Government recognized institute.
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b) Prizes won at National level.

MINIMUM PRESCRIBED EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION:

Post	Essential Minimum Prescribed Qualification
Group 'C' categories in Level 2 of VII CPC Pay Matrix (Pay Band-1 Rs. 5,200-20,200 in Grade Pay Rs. 1,900 in VI CPC)	(i) 12 th (+2 stage) or its equivalent with not less than 50% marks in aggregate for NTPC categories. 50% marks is not insisted upon in the case of SC / ST / Ex. Servicemen / Persons With Disabilities (PWD) candidates. 50% marks is also not insisted upon in the case of candidates who possess qualifications higher than the essential minimum prescribed qualification. OR (ii) Matriculation Plus Course Completed Act Apprenticeship / ITI approved by NCVT / SCVT (Diploma in Engineering is not considered as an alternative higher qualification. Act Apprenticeship / ITI is the only qualification and no other qualification including Diploma in Engineering is accepted as an alternative qualification on the ground of being a higher qualification in the same line of training) Authority : RBE No. 13/2019 issued under Railway Board's Letter No. E(NG)/2018/RR/V51 dated 16-01-2019.

For detailed Notification and application form, visit website : www.rrchubli.in and www.swr.indianrailways.gov.in
Opening Date : 17-08-2019. Closing Date : 17.45 Hours of 16-09-2019 (Closing date for the candidates from far flung areas is 17.45 Hours of 01-10-2019).
Deputy Chief Personnel Officer/IR
For Principal Chief Personnel Officer
South Western Railway, Hubballi

PUB/176/AAAK/PRB/SWR/2019-20

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
WATER RESOURCE DEPARTMENT
KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
Executive Engineer, KNNL, KPC Division No-2, Bhalki.

No. KNNL/EE/KPC2/TS-2/2019-20/ 521 dtd: 13-08-2019

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Only Through e-procurement System).
in Two cover system

Tenders in Electronic mode on "PERCENTAGE BASIS" are invited on behalf of the Managing Director, KNNL, Bangalore, by the Executive Engineer, KNNL, K P C Division No.2, Bhalki for Construction and Improvements to CC road and drains under SCP Head of SC Extension area at Belur village under Chulkinala Project in Two cover system (cover I and cover II), from the Category-III contractors/firm/company enrolled under KNNL of Karnataka State who fulfill the qualifying conditions, for the details mentioned below.

S.No	Particulars	Calendar of events
1	The Contractor can have access to the e-tender document, i.e. the Tender schedules, bid documents and other documents in the web site www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in on payment of transaction fee (non- refundable) from	From 21-08-2019 to 05-09-2019 up to 16.00 Hrs
2	Last Date for submission of quarries if any is on or before	03-09-2019 up to 17.00 Hrs
3	Pre-Bid meeting at office of the Chief Engineer, KNNL, IP Zone, Kalaburagi	04-09-2019 @ 11.00 Hrs
4	The Last date of Submission of completed tender documents(cover- I and cover- II)	05-09-2019 up to 16.00 Hrs
5	Date of Opening of Technical Bid (Cover -I)	06-9-2019 @ 17.00 Hrs
6	The Financial bid of pre-qualified Contractors will be opened on i.e., Cover II.	09-09-2019 @ 17.00 Hrs

Amount put to tender Rs. 190.70 Lakhs. EMD Rs. 1.91 Lakhs for all details & information can be had from the office of the under signed during office hours (Phone No- 08484-262257) and visit website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KNNL, KPC, Division no-2 Bhalki.
DIP/Bidar/173/MC&A/2019-20

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
WATER RESOURCE DEPARTMENT
KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
Executive Engineer, KNNL, KPC Division No-2, Bhalki.

No. KNNL/EE/KPC2/TS-2/2019-20/530 dtd: 14-08-2019

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Only Through e-procurement System).
in Two cover system

Tenders in Electronic mode on "PERCENTAGE BASIS" are invited on behalf of the Managing Director, KNNL, Bangalore, by the Executive Engineer, KNNL, K P C Division No.2, Bhalki for Strengthening and Beautification of MI and ZP tanks by Providing desilting, bund improvements, pitching work etc., Complete under Basavakalyan Taluka, Bidar District in Two cover system (cover I and cover II), from the Category-III contractors/firm/company enrolled under KNNL of Karnataka State who fulfill the qualifying conditions, for the details mentioned below.

S.No	Particulars	Calendar of events
1	The Contractor can have access to the e-tender document, i.e. the Tender schedules, bid documents and other documents in the web site www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in on payment of transaction fee (non- refundable) from	From 22-08-2019 to 10-09-2019 up to 16.00 Hrs
2	Last Date for submission of quarries if any is on or before	06-09-2019 up to 17.00 Hrs
3	Pre-Bid meeting at office of the Chief Engineer, KNNL, IP Zone, Kalaburagi	07-09-2019 @ 11.00 Hrs
4	The Last date of Submission of completed tender documents(cover- I and cover- II)	10-09-2019 up to 16.00 Hrs
5	Date of Opening of Technical Bid (Cover -I)	12-9-2019 @ 17.00 Hrs
6	The Financial bid of pre-qualified Contractors will be opened on i.e., Cover II.	13-09-2019 @ 17.00 Hrs

Amount put to tender Rs. 440.00 Lakhs. EMD Rs. 4.40 Lakhs for all details & information can be had from the office of the under signed during office hours (Phone No- 08484-262257) and visit website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

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DIP/Bidar/176/MC&A/2019-20

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IN BRIEF

Fire at AIIMS forces evacuation of patients

NEW DELHI
A fire broke out in the teaching block at AIIMS here on Saturday, destroying samples and medical reports and forcing evacuation of some patients, officials said. No casualties were reported. Patients from some floors of the AB ward, close to the Microbiology department where the blaze started at around 5 p.m., were evacuated along with those in operation theatres above, officials said. PTI

NIT teacher, wife found dead in staff quarters

BHUBANESWAR
An assistant professor of the National Institute of Technology (NIT), Rourkela, and his wife were found dead in the campus staff quarters on Saturday. The deceased, identified as R. Jayabalan, 37, an assistant professor in the life science department, and his wife, Malavi Kesavan, 35, were found at their home. The couple hailed from Erode district in Tamil Nadu.

Police bust illegal brown sugar factory in Manipur

IMPHAL
The Manipur police on Saturday busted an illegal drug factory for manufacturing brown sugar in Lilong here on Saturday. The house belonged to Moijingmayum Mohammad, 41, officials said. Around 180 kg of brown sugar, along with several ingredients and drug-making equipment, were seized, said an official.

Two Bangladeshis killed in Kolkata road accident

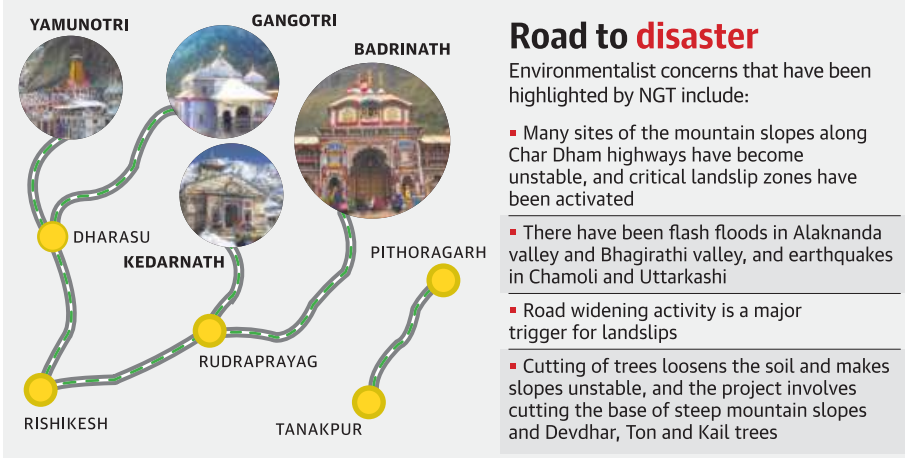
KOLKATA
Two Bangladesh nationals were killed and one person was injured when a speeding car hit them after being rammed into by another vehicle in Kolkata on Saturday, police said. The incident occurred around 1.50 a.m. near Shakespeare Sarani and Loudon Street, an official said. The occupants of the car received minor injuries. PTI

Panel to review Char Dham highway

SC modifies NGT order, sets up independent committee headed by environmentalist

JACOB KOSHY
NEW DELHI
The Supreme Court has ordered the setting up of an independent committee take a view on whether the Centre's ambitious 900 kilometre, ₹12,000 crore ambitious Char Dham project to improve road network connecting pilgrimage spots in Uttarakhand, needs to be "revised" to minimise its ecological damage.

The project proposes the widening of single lane roads into double lanes by up to 10 metres, developing highways in Uttarakhand and thereby improving access to the Char Dham (four shrines) – Yamunotri, Gangotri, Badrinath and Kedar Nath. It has also evoked widespread concern among environmentalists, and has been challenged in the courts. Environmentalist groups, led by the Dehradun-based Citizens for Green Doon, had filed petitions last February in the National Green Tribunal (NGT) contending that the project was proceeding



without environmental clearances and debris was being disposed haphazardly. The fragile Himalayan hills slopes were being cut open indiscriminately and the project posed an environmental threat, the petitioners said.

NGT nod
However, on September 26, the NGT ruled that an environmental clearance wasn't required and allowed the project to proceed but with

several caveats. A seven-member committee of experts led by a former judge of the Uttarakhand court was to ensure that an environmental management plan would be in place and properly adhered to, the NGT said.

Subsequently, the NGT nod for the project was stayed by the Supreme Court on technical grounds.

But on August 8, the apex court backed portions of the

Tribunal's order allowing the project to continue with assessment by an independent committee.

The order, which was made available late on Friday, modified portions of the earlier NGT order regarding the constitution of the High Powered Committee (HPC). Instead of being headed by a judge, it would be led by Ravi Chopra, the Director of the Dehradun People's Science Institute.

Govt. set to launch traders' pension plan

Scheme likely to begin from August 19

DAMINI NATH
NEW DELHI
A pension scheme for small traders, one of the priorities of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government in the first 100 days of its second term, is likely to have a soft launch on the evening of August 19, two officials from the Union Labour and Employment Ministry said.

According to the Ministry's 100-day plan, the Pradhan Mantri Laghu Vyapari Maan-Dhan scheme will target enrolling 25 lakh subscribers in 2019-2020 and 2 crore by 2023-2024. Apart from an online portal that will be launched, people

will be able to apply for the scheme through the common service centres already in place for other schemes.

Modelled on the pension scheme for the unorganised sector workers launched in the first term of the Modi government, the scheme for traders was among the proposals passed by the Cabinet on May 31 in its first meeting after re-election. The scheme was notified by the Ministry on July 22, the date from which it will be considered applicable.

Traders aged between 18 and 40 who have an annual turnover of less than ₹1.5 crore are eligible.

4,000 women tie rakhis to MLA

6,000 invitation receipts were collected, a BJP worker said

STAFF REPORTER
BHOPAL
More than 4,000 women on Saturday flocked to an open field to tie rakhis to local BJP MLA Vishvas Sarang.

As Mr. Sarang entered the field in Subhash Nagar to the thumping beats of *Yeh Desh Hai Veer Jawano Ka*, waving at women and children with an arm dangling with rakhis, the host announced: "We'll not call him an MLA today. He is our *bhaiyya* (elder brother)."

Dhurwati Yadav, who has been attending the week-long event since 2009, when it began, said: "Since *bhaiyya* invited us, we had to come".

After waiting in line 15 minutes, she tied him a rakhi,



bearing faces of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah. In return, she received a gift – a wallet – and a free meal. Last year, each woman got an umbrella.

For the past one week, about 100-150 women BJP workers knocked on each door of the area, part of the

Narela constituency that Mr. Sarang represents, to invite women to the event.

Mamata Goswami, a worker in-charge of one of the wards, said more than 6,000 invitation receipts were collected, each having the invitee's name, address and phone number.

The invitation read: "It is because of the love and blessings of you sisters that the path of progress undertaken by this brother has lit up".

Surrounded by boys feverishly dancing to music, she said only women between 18 and 60 are allowed to tie rakhis to the MLA.

Mr. Sarang has planned similar events in different parts of the constituency.

11 lose sight after cataract surgery

Govt. revokes Indore hospital's licence



A view of the hospital in Indore. ■ SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

SIDHARTH YADAV
BHOPAL
The Madhya Pradesh government on Saturday revoked the licence of a private hospital in Indore where 11 elderly persons, who underwent cataract surgeries on August 8, suffered significant impairment of vision due to infection.

"As a result of the loss of eyesight of 11 patients who underwent cataract surgeries at your hospital on August 8, this is to inform you of the cancellation of your licence under Section 6(1) of the Madhya Pradesh Upcharyagriha Tatha Rujopchar Samabandi Sthapnayee (Registrikaran Tatha Anugyapan) Adhiniyam, 1973," District Chief Medical and Health Officer (CMHO) Pravin Jadia wrote in a letter addressed to the Director of the Indore Eye Hospital.

District Collector Lokesh Kumar Jatav, however, told *The Hindu* that the patients had not lost their sight completely but were suffering from "blurry vision" due to infection after the surgeries. "They have been shifted to the best eye hospital in the city and will undergo corrective surgeries. A team from Sankara Nethralaya from Chennai will perform the procedure. At this stage, we don't know what caused the infection."

Under the Union Health

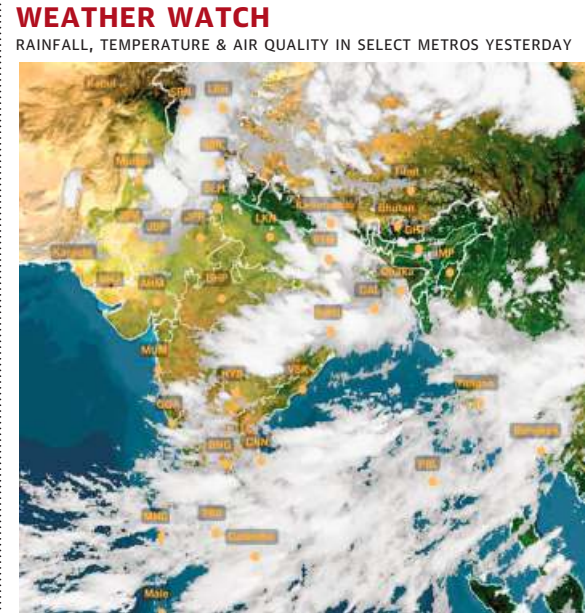
Ministry's National Programme for Control of Blindness, 14 persons aged between 45 and 85, 10 from Dhar district and four from Indore, underwent the surgeries on the day. Later, 11 of them complained of blurry vision. They have been shifted to Choithram Hospital and Research Centre in the city.

The private hospital had conducted 386 cataract surgeries under the programme from April to August 8. A three-member team comprising the Additional District Magistrate (ADM) and two government ophthalmologists had been constituted to inquire into the case, said Mr. Jatav.

A district health official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said, "Private hospitals get paid on the basis of the number of successful surgeries."

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Kamal Nath announced a compensation of ₹50,000 for each of the affected persons.

"Our priority is to save their vision at this point," Jitu Patwari, Higher Education Minister, told reporters. "The operation theatre has been sealed. Those responsible for negligence will be punished. Even the doctor who underestimated the extent of the infection will be punished," he said.



WEATHER WATCH
RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY

TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Sunday: Heavy to very heavy rain likely at isolated places over Himachal Pradesh, West Bengal, Odisha, Jharkhand, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Bihar and Chhattisgarh

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	0.1...	35.0...	26.5
Ahmedabad	0.2...	29.2...	25.6
Aizawl	...	26.1...	21.3
Allahabad	...	33.4...	27.0
Bangalore	3.1...	28.6...	20.0
Bhopal	16.4...	28.8...	23.2
Bhubaneswar	23.4...	35.6...	25.6
Chandigarh	18.2...	32.9...	26.1
Chennai	...	35.8...	24.3
Coimbatore	0.7...	31.3...	23.2
Dehradun	13.7...	30.7...	24.0
Gangtok	13.8...	23.1...	18.0
Goa	6.8...	30.0...	25.6
Guwahati	13.7...	29.6...	26.4
Hubbli	...	27.0...	21.0
Hyderabad	...	33.4...	24.7
Imphal	1.2...	28.7...	22.5
Jaipur	20.1...	29.9...	22.4
Kochi	10.2...	27.0...	23.4
Kohima	13.8...	26.2...	17.7
Kolkata	137.6...	34.1...	24.6

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

CITY	SO ₂	NO ₂	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	53	42	82	...	59	114
Bengaluru	...	55	100	...	36	58
Chennai	11	14	55	...	28	14
Delhi	...	05	107	...	18	21
Hyderabad	54	60	12	...	63	111
Kolkata	02	40	18	...	39	33
Lucknow	05	22	63	...	32	...
Mumbai	14	16	09	...	41	145
Pune	74	08	67	...	59	59
Visakhapatnam	25	22	34	...	70	95

Air Quality Code: ■ Poor ■ Moderate ■ Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO₂: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO₂: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Woman gets alimony after 27-year fight

SATYASUNDAR BARIK
BHUBANESWAR
Twenty-seven years after filing a case seeking maintenance from her estranged husband, a woman in Bhubaneswar now sees a glimmer of hope of getting regular alimony.

In the long court battle, the woman not only had to justify her rightful claim for an allowance, but also had to establish the identity of her husband as the man she was really married to.

The curious case of Sabita Chand, now 56, and her estranged husband Ashok Kumar Das alias Ashok Kumar Chand has hopefully come to an end, with a family court in Bhubaneswar directing immediate release of a maintenance fee to her.

Ashok Kumar Chand, who worked in the Indian Railways, had married Ms. Chand in 1985 by concealing his identity.

In 1992, Ms. Chand filed a case in the court seeking maintenance. Earlier this month, the court directed the bank manager to transfer one-third of his pension to Ms. Chand.

Woman chided for 4th child dies in labour

No doctor attended to her, says family

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GHAZIABAD
A pregnant woman who was chided by the Shahjahanpur District Magistrate for conceiving a fourth child died during labour on Saturday.

In a video that went viral on Friday, Rekha, a resident of Singha village in the district's Mirzapur area, was seen complaining to DM Indra Vikram Singh against the government hospital administration for not admitting her. In turn, Mr. Singh derided her for expecting her fourth child. "*Tumhe sharm nahin aati* (Don't you feel ashamed)," the official was heard saying. When the local media approached him for a comment, Mr. Singh is reported to have said that he didn't believe in answering impromptu questions.

On Saturday, Rekha passed away during labour. Her family members claimed that despite the DM's intervention, no doctor had come to see her after she was admitted at the government hospital. "She felt disheartened and said that she should be taken out of



the hospital," said the woman's brother-in-law Mukesh.

Pooja Pandey, the spokesperson for Pandit Ram Prasad Bismil Memorial Hospital is reported to have told local journalists that the pregnant woman hadn't visited the hospital to get admitted. The hospital, however, had admitted her after the DM intervened.

Ms. Pandey said that as per the woman's ultrasound report the delivery was due on August 28 and that as she was anaemic, the hospital had asked her family members to arrange for blood. However, the relatives had insisted on taking her away, she said.

Relive India's naval history inside underground museum

President will inaugurate restored military bunker today

SHARAD VYAS
MUMBAI
Thousands of visitors to Mumbai's sea-facing Raj Bhavan will now be able to relive the finest moments of India's naval history inside an underground bunker museum. On Sunday, President Ram Nath Kovind will inaugurate the bunker museum, which is spread across 15,000 square feet.

Governor Ch. Vidyasagar Rao had discovered the bunker last year, along with two identical cannons, atop the foothills of Raj Bhavan, which is situated at the tip of south Mumbai.



History unravels: A part of the British-era bunker that was found underneath the Raj Bhavan in Mumbai. ■ VIVEK BENDRE

Strategic lookout point
The bunker dates back to the pre-World War I era and is believed to have been an asset of the battery stationed near the coast to defend Bombay Castle from naval attacks, officials said. The restored bunker houses virtual reality booths, which will help visitors time travel to the 19th century, when the underground tunnel was used strategically to fire cannons at approaching enemy

ships, officials said.

The twin cannons – 4.7 metre in length and 1.15 metre in diameter – were found covered in mud 25 metres apart from each other. The bunker resembles a fort and is made up of 13 rooms, which can be accessed by passing through a 20-foot-tall gate. The rooms bear names such as Shell Store, Gun Shell, Cartridge Store, Shell Lift, Pump, Central Artillery Store, and Workshop. The underground passage has a proper drainage system and inlets for fresh air and light.

As part of the restoration process, a structural audit of

the bunker was conducted and structural strengthening was carried out later.

An official at Raj Bhavan said, "We have ensured that all the original features of the bunker have been restored. We have developed the bunker for adaptive reuse as a museum by incorporating virtual reality on the themes of cannon-firing experience, history of Raj Bhavan and a glimpse of the forts of Maharashtra." The official said the dioramas of cannons and soldiers, and optical illusions of a bunker of infinite length and cannons have been created for the museum.

Bihar MLA booked under UAPA after seizure of AK-47

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
PATNA
Controversial Bihar independent MLA and strongman Anant Singh has been booked under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) after the seizure of a AK-47 rifle and grenade from his ancestral house, police said on Saturday.

Patna (Rural) Superintendent of Police Kantesh Kumar Mishra

said that the use of weapon in "some big incidents" could not be ruled out. The case is being probed and police will act as per the evidence that comes up during the investigation, he said to questions whether the MLA will be arrested.

The police had raided Mr. Singh's house, who is a multiple term MLA from Mokama, following a tip-off, he said.

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The details of Machineries and software to be procured along with specifications are mentioned in the tender documents. The tender documents shall be obtained from the office of the Commissioner of Employment and Training, Alandur Road, T.V.K. Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032 on any working day between **10.00 AM and 5.00 PM**. The tender document can also be downloaded from the Government tender website www.tenders.tn.gov.in or from the department website www.skilltraining.tn.gov.in at free of cost.

1	EMD	1%	of the total quoted amount in respect of Each schedule.
2	Sale of tender document from	19-08-2019 to 18-09-2019 upto 11.00 AM	(on all working days)
3	Pre-bid meeting	28-08-2019 at 11.00 AM	at the above venue
4	Last date for receipt of tender	18-09-2019 upto 3.00 PM	
5	Date, time and place of opening the tender	18-09-2019 at 3.30 PM.	Conference Hall, O/o Commissioner of Employment and Training, Guindy, Chennai – 600 032

DIPR / 2803 / TENDER / 2019**Joint Director (Apprenticeship Training) / Tender Inviting Authority**

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India, Bhutan vow to strengthen ties

A traditional Chipdrel procession and welcome ceremony was held at the Tashichhodzong Palace here for Prime Minister Modi before his audience with the Bhutanese King and his wife Queen Jetsun Pema. The ceremony symbolises the purification of path along which the guests are led.

Mr. Modi also launched the RuPay Card in Bhutan by making a purchase at Simtokha Dzong, built in 1629 by Shabdrung Namgyal, which functions as a monastic and administrative centre.

Digital payments

“I am very happy that today we have launched RuPay card in Bhutan. This will further enhance our relationship in digital payments, and trade and tourism,” he said.

On increasing the current

cy swap limit for Bhutan under the SAARC currency swap framework, Mr. Modi said India’s approach is “positive”. He said an additional \$100 million would be available to Bhutan under a standby swap arrangement to meet the foreign exchange requirement.

The two leaders also unveiled an e-plaque on the interconnection between India’s National Knowledge Network and Bhutan’s Druk Research and Education Network.

The two leaders jointly inaugurated the Ground Earth Station and SATCOM network, developed with assistance from ISRO for utilization of South Asia Satellite in Bhutan.

Mr. Modi said India is committed to facilitating Bhutan’s development through the use of space technology.

Curbs lifted in a third of Kashmir Valley: DGP

“What concerns me is that one-third of the Kashmir Valley was open today. People were cooperative and traffic was as normal as ever. The entire Valley was peaceful. Some mischievous elements throwing stones is not a huge concern,” Mr. Singh added. He said the total number of politicians or political workers taken into “preventive detention” was not centrally available as the decisions were taken at the local level.

There are 15 zones in Kashmir police zone, which includes Kargil and Leh. Excluding Kargil and Leh, there are around 100 police stations in districts of Anantnag, Awantipora, Baramulla, Bandipora, Budgam, Ganderbal, Handwara, Kulgam, Kupwara, Pulwama, Srinagar, Shopian and Sopore.

District Magistrate of Srinagar Shahid Choudhary said restrictions were relaxed in four out of five police stations in the city. “In two zones, restrictions were lifted in one go. Some of the areas where restrictions were relaxed are Pantha-

chowk, Jawahar Nagar, Ram Munshi Bagh, Rajbagh and Sadar,” he said.

An AFP report, published in *The Hindu*, said on Friday “hundreds of protesters in Srinagar clashed with police on August 16, who responded with tear gas shells and pellet-firing shotguns.” The clashes broke out after several thousand people rallied in Srinagar, the report said.

Responding to the report, Mr. Singh said, “People had gone for Friday *namaz* to a mosque in Soura. While they were returning one or two mischievous elements threw stones. There were around hundred of them, but not all of them were throwing stones.”

Primary schools will open from Monday and government offices will also start functioning the same day, the official said.

Mr. Singh said reports of policemen being stripped off their service weapons was “false and irresponsible.” He said the J&K police was leading from the front and all such reports floating on social media were baseless.

Trump asks Imran to resolve issue bilaterally

This was strongly countered by India, which said no such request had been made.

Friday’s call between Mr. Trump and Mr. Khan also discussed the strained U.S.-Pakistan relationship, which Mr. Khan’s July visit to Washington sought to reset. The U.S. sees Pakistan as a crucial player in its attempt to reach a peace deal with the Taliban and pullout from Afghanistan.

“The two leaders further discussed how they will continue to build on the growing relationship between the United States and Pakistan and the momentum created during their recent meeting at the White House,” Mr. Gidley said.

Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi said Mr. Khan and Mr. Trump had discussed the

situation in Kashmir and India’s actions, and the Afghanistan situation.

India played down the significance of the informal closed consultations held by the UNSC, with India’s UN envoy Syed Akbaruddin saying the abrogation of Article 370 was entirely an internal matter of India.

On Saturday, Mr. Khan tweeted highlighting the UNSC consultation: “I welcome the UNSC meeting to discuss the serious situation in Occupied Jammu & Kashmir. It is for the first time in over 50 yrs that the world’s highest diplomatic forum has taken up this issue. There are 11 UNSC resolutions reiterating the Kashmiri right to self determination. And the UNSC meet was a reaffirmation of these resolutions.”

Arun Jaitley put on life support, says AIIMS

Mr. Jaitley has been undergoing treatment in the intensive care unit after he was admitted to the AIIMS with complaints of uneasiness, weakness and breathlessness.

Dr. Vardhan said on Friday: “Doctors at AIIMS are doing the best they can.”

AIIMS officials have noted that Mr. Jaitley was now stable and recovering. The 67-year-old leader is under the care of a team of endocri-

nologists, nephrologists and cardiologists.

Mr. Jaitley has been put on ECMO (Extracorporeal membrane oxygenation), also known as extracorporeal life support. This is an extracorporeal technique of providing prolonged cardiac and respiratory support to persons whose heart and lungs are unable to provide an adequate amount of gas exchange or perfusion to sustain life.

The Thimpu space link has a Bengaluru stamp

The satellite earth station inaugurated by Modi has been built and manned by Alpha Design Technologies

MADHUMATHI D.S.
BENGALURU

There is a Bengaluru stamp on the satellite earth station that Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated in Bhutan’s capital Thimpu on Saturday.

The earth station that will help drive various social services of the South Asia Satellite (SAS or GSAT-9) has been built and set up by the city-based Alpha Design Technologies Ltd.

In a major gesture of regional diplomacy, the Indian government in 2014 offered the services of a dedicated communications satellite to its smaller neighbours Afghanistan, Bangla-

desh, Bhutan, the Maldives, Nepal and Sri Lanka.

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) launched the multi-use communications satellite in May 2017.

Multiple tasks

The SAS is meant to promote tele-education, tele-medicine, television broadcasting, weather forecasting, disaster monitoring and mapping of natural resources, besides aiding with banking services and governance among the South Asian countries. It also aims to strengthen cooperation among the people of the seven countries.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi inspecting a guard of honour at the Paro International Airport in Bhutan on Saturday. •PTI

“A centralised hub along with radio frequency systems is essential to drive the applications of a satellite,”

said ADTL’s founder and chairman and managing Director Colonel (retd.) H.S. Shankar.

NGO alleges trade in NRC legacy data, seeks CBI probe

‘Those who entered Assam illegally from Bangladesh have made it to the register’

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

An Assam-based non-governmental organisation, whose plea the Home Ministry used to seek re-verification of the draft National Register of Citizens (NRC) in the Supreme Court, has claimed that legacy data pertaining to more than 3,000 persons were traded, thus helping undocumented migrants from Bangladesh to be included in the NRC.

In a memorandum submitted to Home Minister Amit Shah, the Sachetan Nagarik Mancha, Axom (SNM) has demanded a CBI inquiry, and accused NRC Coordinator Prateek Hajela of “using illegal Muslim immigrants from Bangladesh for the job of data entry”. About 100 members from the NGO staged a sit-in at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi on Saturday seeking an “error-free NRC”.

The documents, namely the 1951 NRC and the electoral rolls up to midnight of March 24, 1971, are collectively called legacy data.

Appeal rejected

In the past fortnight, the Supreme Court has twice rejected pleas by the State government and the Union Home Ministry seeking re-verification of the documents of a section of the 3.29



Identity concerns: People from Assam staging a protest at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi on Saturday demanding an error-free National Register of Citizens. •SANDEEP SAXENA

crore applicants. The court has been monitoring the NRC update exercise since 2013 and has directed the NRC Coordinator to publish the citizens’ list by August 31.

“We have evidence that 3,204 [sets of] legacy data has been traded,” said SNM president Chandan Bhattacharjya. “The Supreme Court is being misguided by Prateek Hajela. Noted freedom fighter Puran Bahadur Chetry and his family have been excluded from the NRC, but 98.6% people in border areas have been in-

cluded. How is this possible,” Mr. Bhattacharjya asked.

Several people at the protest alleged that Bangladeshis were included in the NRC but they could not provide specific details. Jyotishka Podar, a resident of Karimganj in Assam, said, “People who entered Assam illegally from Bangladesh two years ago have got the documents and are included in the NRC.” When asked if he could name anyone, he was unable to elaborate further.

About 41 lakh people have

been excluded from the draft NRC lists published in July 2018 and June this year. About 36 lakh persons have filed claims against their exclusion and objections have been filed against two lakh inclusions. The hearings on these are going on.

First published in Assam in 1951, the NRC is being updated as per the directions of the Supreme Court to segregate Indian citizens living in Assam from those who illegally entered the State from Bangladesh after March 25, 1971.

Petition filed in SC against UAPA Act

‘State can label anyone a terrorist’

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The government’s decision to give itself discretionary powers to amend the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and declare anyone a terrorist has been questioned in the Supreme Court.

A petition, moved by Delhi resident Sajal Awasthi on Saturday, said the amended law allowed the state to encroach upon the fundamental rights of dignity, free speech, dissent and reputation. It argued that the UAPA Amendment Act, 2019, conferred upon the Centre “discretionary, unfettered and unbound powers” to declare a person a terrorist. The law could be used by the state to bring disrepute to a person, and even worse, rob him or her of liberty. The heavy burden to prove the state machinery wrong rested with the person, it said.

“The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Amendment Act, 2019, seeks to substantially modify Chapter VI of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, and Sections 35 and 36 therein. The new Section 35 empowers the Central government to categorise any individual as a ‘terrorist’ and add the

 The right to reputation is an intrinsic part of the fundamental right to life with dignity

SAJAL AWASTHI
Petitioner

name of such a person to Schedule 4 of the Act,” Mr. Awasthi said.

Against free speech

The petition said the right to reputation is an intrinsic part of the fundamental right to life with dignity under Article 21 of the Constitution, and tagging an individual as a “terrorist” even before the commencement of trial or application of judicial mind does not amount to complicity with the “procedure established by law”.

“The right of dissent is a part and parcel of the fundamental right to free speech and expression and, therefore, cannot be abridged under any circumstances except for [those] mentioned in Article 19 (2). The UAPA, 2019, empowers the government, under the garb of curbing terrorism, to impose an indirect restriction on the right of dissent, which is detrimental to our developing democratic society,” the petition said.

Panel to review defence procurement procedure

It will remove bottlenecks & hasten purchase of equipment

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has constituted a committee chaired by the Director-General (Acquisition) to review the Defence Procurement Procedure (DPP), 2016 and the Defence Procurement Manual (DPM), 2009.

“The committee will revise and align the procedures to ensure seamless flow from asset acquisition to lifecycle support,” the Defence Ministry said in a state-

ment. The committee has been given six months to submit its recommendations.

The Ministry said the DPP 2016 and the DPM 2009 had been due for revision and aligning the procedures “will ensure seamless flow from asset acquisition to life cycle support and strengthen the ‘Make in India’ initiative of the government”. Apart from DG (Acquisition), 11 members, not below the rank of Joint Secretary/Ma-

ior General equivalent, are part of this committee.

Terms of reference

The terms of reference include revising the procedures to remove procedural bottlenecks and hasten acquisition; align and standardise the provisions to optimise lifecycle support for equipment; simplify policy and procedures to facilitate greater participation of the industry; and develop robust defence industrial base.

‘Why is a law graduate’s natural choice not the legal profession?’

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi has said there is a need to look at the role and functioning of lawyers and understand why a law graduate’s natural choice is not the legal profession in spite of great attractions and opportunities.

The CJI, who was speaking at the seventh annual convocation of National Law University in New Delhi on Saturday, said the purpose of law schools was to bring out lawyers who would



Ranjan Gogoi

serve the country as prospective leaders of the bar, adjudicators on the Bench and educators and teachers.

He said it was time to

analyse whether the five-year law course, a combined degree in law and arts, had met its objectives. The course was aimed at developing socially conscious lawyers who serve society by developing skills in the field of advocacy, legal aid, legislation or reforms, he said.

CJI Gogoi also spoke about the hefty fee structures in law schools and said “if the existing fee structure acts as economical barrier to education, then in a country like ours, it is nothing short of a tragedy”.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GUWAHATI

Ashraf Hussain, an activist and one among the four people named in a complaint for allegedly collecting money in the name of the National Register of Citizens (NRC), has defended seeking donations to help poor and illiterate persons belonging to minority communities.

RTI activist Dulal Bora lodged a complaint on August 13 with the Criminal Investigation Department of the Assam police alleging misrepresentation of the NRC and the collection of money in its name. The three others named in the complaint include Gauhati University research scholars Rehna Sultana and Sofiqul Islam and The Hague-based researcher Mausami Chetia.

Mr. Bora mentioned two bank accounts in his complaint – one of SBI’s Gauhati University branch in Mr. Islam’s name and the other of Canara Bank’s Barpeta (western Assam) branch in Mr. Hussain’s name.

‘Nothing to hide’

“This is a baseless complaint. We have nothing to hide and the authorities can check the accounts being operated for a long time. We have been cooperating with the NRC process and helping poor and illiterate peo-

ple since the start of the exercise in 2015. We made public appeals and sought help from people who are in a position to donate for a team of volunteers,” Mr. Hussain said.

Col. Shankar said the network was being used for broadcast applications on a 24x7 basis as well as for meeting the social and administrative requirements of Bhutan as planned.

Three employees of Alpha Design would remain in Thimpu to operate the station for two years. Over the next three years, Alpha must train local personnel and maintain the infrastructure. The network includes remote VSAT terminals put up at 110 locations across Bhutan and receiver terminals at 50 locations besides five portable terminals.

Assam activist defends seeking funds for NRC

Only trying to help the poor: Hussain

ple since the start of the exercise in 2015. We made public appeals and sought help from people who are in a position to donate for a team of volunteers,” Mr. Hussain said.

Mr. Bora, in a letter to the CID Additional Director-General of Police L.R. Bishnoi, said the accused, besides collecting money, had “deliberately” linked the NRC issue with the scrapping of Jammu and Kashmir’s special status by comparing the plight of Muslims in Assam to that of Kashmiris. “The miscreants want to say that Muslims from lower (western) Assam have been forced to sell their cattle, land and jewellery to collect ₹40,000-90,000 to attend hearings 200 to 400 km away... But there is no Hindu-Muslim angle to it. According to NRC norms, it is mandatory to be present physically at the hearings with the required documents,” he said.

Mr. Hussain countered by saying Article 370 had been dragged in to derail the NRC process.

“An inquiry at the level of a Deputy Superintendent of Police has been initiated with a seven-day deadline. An Inspector-General of Police will monitor the matter, the details of which will be known after 10 days,” Mr. Bishnoi told reporters.



Lance Naik Sandeep Thapa

Jawan killed in Pakistan firing along LoC

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

A soldier was killed during a ceasefire violation by Pakistan along the Line of Control in the Nowshera sector of Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday, the Army said.

“About 0630 hours, Pakistan initiated a ceasefire violation by firing small arms and shelling with mortars in the Nowshera sector of Rajouri district. The Indian Army is retaliating befittingly,” an Army spokesperson said.

Lance Naik Sandeep Thapa, 35, from Rajawala village in Sahaspur, Dehradun, sustained fatal injuries, the Army said. He is survived by his wife, Nisha Thapa.

“The Indian Army responded strongly and effectively. Heavy damage has been inflicted by our troops on Pakistan Army posts and casualties on Pakistan soldiers,” the Army said.

Ready to face any challenge: Pak. Army

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ISLAMABAD

Upping the ante, Pakistan said on Saturday that its Army was “fully prepared” to face any challenge posed by India.

At a joint press conference with Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi following a meeting of the top brass on Kashmir, Army spokesman Maj. Gen. Asif Ghafoor said it was possible India could launch an attack to divert the world’s attention from Kashmir.

“We have apprehension that India can launch attack to divert attention but we are fully prepared to deal with any misadventure,” he said.

He said enough reinforcement had been provided along the Line of Control to deal with any situation.

Warning of the possibility of an unintended war, he said, “Kashmir issue is a nuclear flashpoint”.

Mr. Qureshi said the meeting had decided to set up a Kashmir Cell in the Foreign Affairs Ministry.

“The focal persons on Kashmir would be appointed at all embassies,” he said.

On the UN Security Council, the Minister said the Kashmir issue was raised at the highest level which was a big success. The meeting discussed if the Kashmir issue should be taken to the International Court of Justice.

Normalcy returning in fits and starts

Curbs reimposed in the old city in Srinagar after eight people were injured in clashes and protests

PEERZADA ASHIQ SRINAGAR

Eight protesters were injured in sporadic incidents of stone throwing in the Kashmir Valley on Saturday, even as the government started easing security restrictions and began releasing communications lines, blocked since August 5, in a phased manner.

Twelve out of 22 districts of J&K are functioning normally, with some night-time restrictions in five, officials said.

Curbs were reimposed in the old city in Srinagar following clashes and protests. “Around seven incidents of disturbances were reported mainly from the areas where the restrictions were not lifted in the Kashmir Valley,” said J&K Principal Secretary and spokesman Rohit Kansal. “Eight injuries were reported in these incidents. All injured are reportedly stable.”

All lines up in Jammu Unlike the Kashmir Valley, the government has restored communications lines in the entire Jammu region, comprising the Pir Panchal Valley and the Chenab Valley.

“Mobile services were restored in five districts in Jammu region,” Mr. Kansal said.

In contrast to Jammu, 17 telephone exchanges were made functional and the restrictions were relaxed in 35 police stations in the Kashmir Valley, with five of them in Srinagar.



Making contact: A man making a call in Srinagar on Saturday as landline connections were restored in the Kashmir Valley after 13 days. • NISSAR AHMAD

“It resulted in people coming out on roads. There was free movement of men and material. Relaxation will continue for tomorrow too in these areas,” Mr. Kansal added.

The Internet, however, continues to remain suspended “for security reasons”.

Residents, however, complained that the phone lines were working in an erratic manner. “My neighbour’s phone is running but many others are down in the same vicinity. My phone is also dysfunctional,” said Suhail Ahmad of Rajbagh.

Meanwhile, the government plans to reopen educational institutions up to the primary level in the Kashmir Valley from Monday.

“Most of these schools are located within the localities,” Mr. Kansal said.

Srinagar’s Deputy Commissioner Shahid Iqbal Choudhary said 190 schools would reopen on Monday in various zones of Srinagar.

The first day of restrictions being lifted also saw locals in the old city hitting the streets and staging demonstrations. All interior roads were blocked by protesters, bringing traffic to a grinding halt. A Station House Officer (SHO) at Hawal told *The Hindu* that the police had reimposed Section 144 in Hawal after some youths blocked roads and “were preparing to galvanise street protests”.

Demonstrations and stone throwing were also reported and strict restrictions imple-

mented in Srinagar’s No-whatta, Soura, Safakadal, Khanyar, Rainawari, Natipora, Barzulla and Nowgam areas.

“The administration is calibrating the situation and in this regard easing is done in a gradual manner,” said Inspector-General of Police (IGP) S.P. Pani.

Thin attendance

The J&K government is up against a major task to restore normalcy in government offices by Monday, as J&K Chief Secretary B.V.R. Subrahmanyam on Friday visited Srinagar’s Civil Secretariat to find that just about 350 out of 5,000 employees were attending office regularly.

An official, who attended

the meeting, told *The Hindu* that a majority of employees were either absent or had shifted to Jammu, fearing a major law and order situation due to the amendments to Article 370 and the change in J&K’s status into a Union Territory (UT).

Another official said about 1,500 employees in the Civil Secretariat in Srinagar were non-locals and Kashmiri Pandits. About 90% of these employees had left the Kashmir Valley before August 5, as the Centre and the State government had issued advisories asking tourists and pilgrims to leave, officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said.

With the situation showing signs of normalcy with very low-intensity protests reported so far, Mr. Subrahmanyam has directed officials to provide transportation to employees and ensure their attendance. It is likely to set the process of restoring normalcy back on track.

Officials said the Chief Secretary had asked the Education Department to open schools up to the primary level in areas declared “safe zones”, followed by “sensitive” and “highly sensitive” zones. High schools, however, may not be reopened in the current phase, they said.

Schools and colleges have opened in many districts of Jammu. Tensions remain palpable in the Chenab Valley. The Pir Panchal valley is showing signs of normalcy.

It’s 1990s redux in the Valley: petitioner

‘Local journalists are not being heard’

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

The present restrictions and clampdown on the media in Kashmir are comparable to those in the early 1990s, Anuradha Bhasin, executive editor of *Kashmir Times*, said here on Saturday.

The Supreme Court, on Friday, refrained from giving any ruling on her plea challenging the restrictions imposed on journalists in Jammu and Kashmir, and recommended a “wait-and-watch” policy.

Ms. Bhasin was speaking at a press interaction at the Indian Women’s Press Corps on Saturday.

She said Kashmir had seen human rights violations and a partial or complete ban on Internet and mobile connectivity, but this was the first time since the early 1990s that landline phones too had stopped working and mobility of journalists had been completely affected. “This is the first time in 30 years that I have no information of what is happening in the Valley or parts of Jammu directly from our reporters. We are relying on the information being published in Delhi papers or the international press,” Ms. Bhasin said.

Ms. Bhasin said that while

I am hopeful and I have faith in the Constitution. I don’t think the courts will let us down

ANURADHA BHASIN Journalist

journalists from Delhi were able to report from the Valley, the local journalists were not allowed to move around. They were further hamstrung by the limited budgets under which they worked. The newspapers printed in Kashmir had reduced the number of copies, to save on newsprint. Just the usual process of printing a newspaper every day was a challenge having to navigate innumerable barricades. There are close to 150 publications in Jammu and Kashmir. “We have a huge media presence in the Valley but their voices are not being heard,” Ms. Bhasin added.

The only difference between the 1990s and today, Ms. Bhasin said, was that then the reporters and newspapers owners were physically intimidated by both militants and the government. “I am hopeful and I have faith in the Indian Constitution. I don’t think the courts will let us down,” she said.

Rajnath’s remarks are irresponsible, says Pak.

‘It shows India’s belligerent attitude’

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ISLAMABAD

Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi has termed “irresponsible” and “unfortunate” Defence Minister Rajnath Singh’s remarks that India has always adhered to its “no first use” policy on nuclear weapons but what happens in the future will depend on circumstances.

Mr. Singh’s remarks came after he visited Pokhran where India carried out the nuclear tests in 1998 when Atal Bihari Vajpayee was the Prime Minister.

“The substance and timing of the Indian Defence Minister is highly unfortunate and shows India’s irresponsible and belligerent behaviour,” Mr. Qureshi said.

“Pakistan will continue to maintain minimum credible deterrence,” he said.

The statement showed his “folly”, he said.

Mr. Qureshi’s remarks



Shah Mahmood Qureshi

came amid tensions after New Delhi revoked the special status of Jammu and Kashmir.

The UN Security Council took up the issue of Kashmir in informal consultations. Pakistan has claimed it as big success.

Mr. Qureshi said the UNSC meeting showed that the people of Kashmir were not alone.

He also rejected the idea of any conversation with his Indian counterpart S. Jaishankar.

New plea in SC against changes to Article 370

‘They do not have people’s consent’

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

A petition filed in the Supreme Court by a group of eminent citizens who had served in Jammu and Kashmir in high bureaucratic and military positions, has challenged the amendment made to Article 370 of the Constitution and the reorganisation of the State into two Union Territories.

The petition filed on Saturday described the amendments as striking at the heart of the principles on which the State of J&K integrated with India, especially as they had no affirmation or sanction from the people of J&K.

The petition said the consent of the people before amending Article 370 was a constitutional imperative.

Activists and officials

The petition has been filed by Radha Kumar, a former member of the Home Ministry’s Group of Interlocutors for Jammu and Kashmir (2010-11), as well as an aca-

demic and policy analyst who has worked on conflicts and peacemaking in South Asia, Europe and Africa for over 20 years.

The next petitioner is Hindal Haider Tyabji, a former Chief Secretary of the State of Jammu, followed by Air Vice-Marshal (retired) Kapil Kak, who is a permanent resident of Jammu and Kashmir and decorated officer of the Indian Air Force.

The other petitioners are Major General (retd.) Ashok Kumar Mehta, who has held postings in the Uri Sector and fought in the 1965 and 1971 India-Pakistan wars; and Amitabha Pande, a former Secretary of the Inter State Council of the Government of India.

And finally, Gopal Pillai, a former Union Home Secretary who has dealt with the State in both peacetime and turmoil.

The petition was drafted by advocates Arjun Krishnan, Kaustubh Singh and Rajlakshmi Singh.

Apple carts



A bite of normalcy: Vendors returned to the streets of Srinagar after restrictions were eased on Saturday. • PTI

Article 370 had become shield for terrorists: Law Minister

Centre will strive for protection of people, says Prasad

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NAGPUR

Union Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said on Saturday that Article 370, which gave special status to Jammu and Kashmir, had become a platform to “shield” terrorists and their patrons.

“The government’s decision on Article 370 was taken in the interest of the nation as well as the common people of Jammu and Kashmir,” Mr. Prasad told presspersons on the sidelines of the inauguration of the 17th all-India meet of the State legal services authorities in Nagpur.

“We should understand that it was a temporary provision and removed in the interest of the country,” Mr. Prasad said. “We always strive for protection of the country and for the people of Jammu and Kashmir. We



We should understand that it was removed in the interest of the country

RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD Law Minister

want Jammu and Kashmir to progress.”

“Article 370 had become a platform to shield terrorists and their patrons, but we finished this. It is for the development of Kashmir,” Mr. Prasad said.

Detention of Mir illegal: Chidambaram

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

A day after Congress leader Rahul Gandhi described the house arrest of the party’s Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) chief Ghulam Ahmed Mir and another party leader in Jammu as “madness”, former Union Minister P. Chidambaram on Saturday called it a violation of his fundamental right and urged courts to take note.

“Ghulam Ahmad Mir, PCC President, J&K is under house arrest in Jammu since Friday. There was no written order of detention. Outrageously illegal. The State has no right to deprive a citizen of his liberty for even one moment without authority of law. That is Article 21 of the Constitution,” Mr. Chidambaram said.

“I hope the courts will act and secure the liberty of citizens,” he added.

“The Prevention of Corruption Act, Prohibition of Child Marriage Act and law to stop manual scavenging were not applicable there. Which Kashmir was this,” the Minister asked.

He said the administration in the State would take a call on further measures after taking into account the situation.

On a query over Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan’s statement that India was preparing for a Balakot-like strike in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, Mr. Prasad said: “We don’t have to take notice of what they are saying.”

“But a strong reply will be given if any action is taken by Pakistan. Under the leadership of [Prime Minister] Narendra Modi, India is alert about its protection and appropriate reply will given to any terror activities.”

KERALA FOREST DEPARTMENT

NEYYAR-PEPPARA FOREST DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Construction of Office and Residential buildings together with water supply arrangements in the Elephant Rehabilitation Centre at Kottor (KIFB FUNDED PROJECT) No. NPFD/IERC/Phase II/et/3/2019 Dated 07-08-2019 The Project Director, PMU-Neyyar Peppara Forest Development Agency for and on behalf of the Governor of Kerala invites online bids in two cover system from A class contractors for the above work. Due date of submission: 26-08-2019 up to 05.00 PM. Tender documents and tender schedule may be downloaded from the e-GP website www.etenders.kerala.gov.in For details: 9447979082, 9447979001. (Sd/-) Chief Executive Officer (F3/727/2019/I&PR)

KERALA FOREST DEPARTMENT

THRISSUR FOREST DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Selection of Consultant for Preparing DPR for Landscaping and Horticultural works in Thrissur Zoological Park at Puthur in Thrissur District. (KIFB FUNDED PROJECT) No. SPV-273/2019 Dated 02-08-2019 The Chief Executive Officer, SPV for Thrissur Zoological Park invites online bids in two cover system from eligible Consultants for the above work. EMD: Rs 50,000/-. Due date of submission: 22-08-2019 up to 05.00 PM. Tender documents and tender schedule may be downloaded from the e-GP website www.etenders.kerala.gov.in For details: 9447979150, 9447979001. (Sd/-) Chief Executive Officer (F3/728/2019/I&PR)

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e-TENDER NOTICE

Notice inviting e-tender for the supply and installation of Various Equipments and Other items for Strengthening Trauma Care Services as part of Safe Corridor Demonstration Project (SCDP) under the World Bank assisted KSTP – II

Govt. of Kerala is undertaking the KSTP – II Road Safety Capacity Building and Program Management Project supported by the World Bank to improve the state’s road safety performance.

In this context it is proposed to strengthen and designate three major and two minor hospitals in geographical proximity to the demonstration corridor as resourced trauma care facility.

Kerala Medical Services Corporation Limited (KMSCL), the central procurement agency of Health and Family Welfare Department, Govt. of Kerala is entrusted with the task of procurement of various equipments/ other items for these Trauma Care facilities on behalf of Project Management Team, KSTP, Public Works Department.

Online bids under single cover system are invited for the supply and installation of various items as follows;

Sl. No.	Tender No.	Description	Pre-Bid Meeting at KMSCL Head Office	Last date of Online submission
1.	T 334/ 2019	High End Medical Equipments	26.08.19 11.00 a.m.	16.10.19 11.00 a.m.
		Other Medical Equipment / Furniture / Surgical Instruments	27.08.19 11.00 a.m.	

The eligible bidders shall submit bids before the last date of online submission mentioned above. The bid document is available and downloaded from the e-procurement portal and bids are to be submitted online through the same e-procurement portal www.etenders.kerala.gov.in only. Bids submitted in any other manner will not be accepted. The detailed terms and conditions are provided in the bid document.

The pre-bid meeting will be held at KMSCL Head Office, Thiruvananthapuram. Interested bidders may obtain further information from the following address; “Kerala Medical Services Corporation Limited, Thycaud P. O., Thiruvananthapuram – 695 014, Kerala”.

Sd/- Managing Director (Tender Inviting Authority)

Bread, bloodshed, revolution

The ruling military council of Sudan has signed a power-sharing deal with the civilian opposition, charting a path to elections and an eventual rule by civilians

Dec. 19, 2018: Protests erupt against a government decision to triple bread prices, taking the form of weekly demonstrations and morphing into calls for long-time President Omar al-Bashir to quit

April 6, 2019: Thousands gather outside the Army headquarters in Khartoum

April 11: Military authorities announce Bashir's removal from power and say that a transitional military council

will govern for two years

June 3: Armed men in military fatigues move in on the protest camps and begin crackdown lasting several days, which leads to the death of 127 people

June 9: Protest leaders launch a nationwide campaign of civil disobedience

July 5: After two days of negotiations, the two sides agree in principle to the transition accord

August 4: The military and protest leaders sign a declaration

August 15: Veteran economist Abdalla Hamdok is nominated as Prime Minister of the future transition government



Protesters in Khartoum celebrating the transition to civilian rule. • AFP

Parties involved

The Transitional Military Council, which includes top military figures, assumed power after Bashir's resignation

Opposition

The Forces for Freedom and Change (FFC) coalition is led by Sudanese Professionals Association, a collaboration of doctors, health workers and lawyers



A mural in Khartoum in April on the protests. • AFP

KEY POINTS IN THE AGREEMENT

39 months

The civilian -military alliance will last for 39 months, leading to elections

Centres of power It will be vested in three bodies:

a) Sovereign council

11 members - 5 from the opposition, five from military and one civilian chosen by consensus

▪ A General, the head of the armed forces, will head it for 21 months and a civilian for the remaining 18

b) Cabinet: A Prime Minister, nominated by the Opposition, is heading the Cabinet

c) Legislative body

The sovereign council will oversee its creation. It will be an independent body, with a maximum of

300 members

At least 40% of the seats reserved for women

The FFC will appoint 67% of its members

▪ While military appointees will hold the positions of Defence and Interior Ministers, other posts will be taken by opposition nominees

Sudanese military, civilians sign transition deal

Declaration formalises the creation of an interim administration with 11 members — 6 civilians and 5 military figures

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

KHARTOUM

Rapturous crowds filled the streets of Khartoum on Saturday as Sudan's generals and protest leaders signed a historic deal paving the way to civilian rule.

Thousands of cheering people gathered around the Friendship Hall next to the Nile, where the documents that will govern Sudan's 39-month transition were signed.

"This is the biggest celebration I have ever seen in my country. We have a new Sudan," said Saba Mohammed, 37.

Minutes earlier, the deal was signed by Mohamed Hamdan Daglo, deputy chief of the military council, and Ahmed al-Rabie, representing the Alliance for Freedom and Change protest umbrella. Heads of state, Prime Ministers and dignitaries from several countries — including

Ethiopia's Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and Egypt's Premier Mustafa Madbuli — attended the ceremony.

The constitutional declaration formalises the creation of a transition administration that will be guided by an 11-member sovereign council, comprised of six civilians and five military figures.

End to upheaval

The agreement brought an end to nearly eight months of upheaval that saw masses mobilise against President Omar al-Bashir, who was ousted in April after 30 years in power.

Thousands of people arrived on trains from Sudan's provinces to take part in the celebrations, which will include a huge gathering in Khartoum's main gardens.

The composition of the civilian-majority transition council is to be announced on Sunday.



Jubilant in the streets: Sudanese people celebrating in Khartoum following the signing of a power-sharing deal between the military and the opposition on Saturday. • AFP

nounced on Sunday.

That follows the naming on Thursday of former senior UN official Abdalla Hamdok, a veteran economist, as transitional Prime Minister.

He is expected to focus on stabilising Sudan's economy, which went into a tailspin

when the oil-rich south seceded in 2011. Economic woes were the trigger that sparked the initial protests.

At Khartoum's central market early on Saturday, shoppers and stallholders interviewed by AFP all said they hoped a civilian govern-

ment would help them put food on the table.

"Everybody is happy now," said Ali Yusef, a 19-year-old university student who works in the market to get by.

While it remains to be seen how the transition will change people's daily lives, residents old and young were eager to exercise their new-found freedom of expression.

"I'm 72 and for 30 years under Bashir, I had nothing to feel good about. Now, thanks to God, I am starting to breathe," said Ali Issa Abdel Momen, sitting in front of his modest selection of vegetables at the market.

Little leverage

But many Sudanese are already questioning the ability of the transitional institutions to rein in the military elite's powers during the three-year period leading to

planned elections. The Interior and Defence Ministers are to be chosen by military members of the transition council.

Observers have warned that the transitional government will have little leverage to counter any attempt by the military to roll back the uprising's achievements and seize back power.

One of the most immediate diplomatic consequences of the compromise reached this month could be Sudan's return to the African Union (AU), which suspended the country's membership in June.

Mr. Bashir, who took power in a 1989 coup and is wanted by the International Criminal Court on charges of genocide in the Darfur region, had been slated to appear in court on Saturday on corruption charges. But his trial has been postponed to an as yet undetermined date.

Rival groups hold rallies as Hong Kong's divisions deepen

Pro-govt. supporters take out a rally with Chinese flags

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HONG KONG

Hong Kong democracy activists kicked off a weekend of fresh rallies on Saturday in a major test for the movement following criticism over an airport protest earlier this week — and as concerns mount over Beijing's next move.

The new marches came as thousands of pro-government supporters — many waving Chinese flags — gathered in a park to condemn their opponents and support the police, a stark illustration of the polarisation now coursing through the city. Ten weeks of demonstrations have plunged the inter-



A rally in central London in support of the Hong Kong protests. • AFP

national finance hub into crisis, with communist-ruled mainland China taking

an increasingly hard-line tone, including labelling the more violent protester actions "terrorist-like".

On Saturday afternoon thousands also marched through Hung Hom and To Kwa Wan, two harbourside districts popular with mainland tourists.

But across the harbour at the pro-Beijing rally, where a giant screen showed recent clashes with police, 60-year-old retiree Irene Man had a very different take as she rounded on democracy protesters. "Their acts are not human, they have all become monsters. They are rioters, with no reason, no thinking," she said.

'Kim oversaw launch of new weapon'

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

SEOUL

North Korean leader Kim Jong-un once again supervised a "new weapon" launch, state media said on Saturday, complicating efforts at denuclearisation ahead of next week's visit to Seoul by the U.S. envoy to Pyongyang.

Friday's launch was the North's sixth test in recent weeks as it protests the annual U.S.-South Korea military exercises.

Defence officials in Seoul said Pyongyang fired what appeared to be two short-range ballistic missiles on Friday, which flew some 230 km before splashing down in the sea between the Korean peninsula and Japan.

U.S. President briefed on Afghan talks

Just completed a very good meeting, tweets Trump

REUTERS

BRIDGEWATER/WASHINGTON

President Donald Trump was briefed on Friday by top advisers on the status of negotiations with the Taliban on a U.S. troop pull-out from Afghanistan and the potential for a political settlement between the warring sides.

There was no indication that any conclusions were reached at the session, which took place in a secure conference room at Mr. Trump's golf club in Bedminster, New Jersey. "Just completed a very good meeting on Afghanistan. Many on the opposite side of this 19-year war, and us, are looking to make a deal — if possible!" Mr. Trump said in a tweet after the session.

A U.S. defense official said significant differences re-

mained between the United States and the Taliban after an eighth round of talks ended in Qatar on Monday.

Some 14,000 U.S. troops remain engaged in America's longest war, training and advising Afghan security forces and conducting counterinsurgency operations against militant groups such as al-Qaeda and Islamic State's local affiliate.

'Meeting went well'

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said in a statement issued after the meeting that the United States remains committed "achieving a comprehensive peace agreement, including a reduction in violence and a ceasefire" in Afghanistan.

Mr. Trump and Mr. Pompeo were joined for the talks

by Vice-President Mike Pence, National Security Adviser John Bolton, Defense Secretary Mike Esper, Joint Chiefs chairman General Joseph Dunford and CIA Director Gina Haspel. "The meeting went very well, and negotiations are proceeding," the White House said in a statement.

U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham, a Trump ally, said any deal should allow the U.S. to maintain a military presence in Afghanistan to pursue terrorist groups. "Any peace agreement which denies the U.S. a robust counterterrorism capability in Afghanistan is not a peace deal," he said. "Instead, it is paving the way for another attack on the American homeland and attacks against American interests..."

ELSEWHERE



Italy to allow minors to disembark from ship

ROME

Italy's Interior Minister Matteo Salvini said on Saturday that he would allow minors to disembark from a migrant rescue ship with 134 people aboard, after being at sea for two weeks. AP

Nine killed as fire breaks out in Ukraine's Odessa

KIEV

Nine people were killed in a hotel fire in Ukraine's port city of Odessa on Saturday, leading authorities to launch a country-wide inspection of safety regulations in holiday resorts and hotels. The fire broke out at 1.34 a.m. in the southern city's Tokyo Star hotel. AFP

SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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Epstein committed suicide, rules autopsy

His body was found in a jail cell

REUTERS

NEW YORK

New York City's Chief Medical Examiner determined on Friday that suicide by hanging was the cause of death for financier Jeffrey Epstein, whose body was found six days ago in a Manhattan jail cell while awaiting trial on sex trafficking charges. The sparsely worded official announcement detailing the autopsy conclusions rebutted a host of conspiracy theories that had circulated on social media about the death of the well-connected former money manager.

Lawyers 'not satisfied'

Epstein's lawyers said they were "not satisfied" with the medical examiner's conclusions and planned to carry out their own investigation, seeking prison videos taken around the time of his death.

Epstein, 66, was found



Jeffrey Epstein. • AP

unresponsive on Saturday in his cell at the Metropolitan Correctional Center (MCC), triggering investigations into the circumstances of his death.

Chief Medical Examiner Barbara Sampson said her determination of the cause of death came after a "careful review of all investigative information, including complete autopsy findings."

"Cause: Hanging. Manner: Suicide," the statement said, without providing supporting details for Ms. Sampson's findings.

May God ruin Trump: Tlaib's grandmother

Muftia reacts to President's tweet on Congresswoman's rejection of Israeli offer

REUTERS

BEIT UR AL-FAUQA

Sitting under an olive tree in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, Muftia Tlaib, 90, scoffs at the attention she has recently received from the President of the United States. "May God ruin him," she says.

Ms. Muftia is the grandmother of U.S. Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib, at the centre of an episode that has drawn Donald Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu together against U.S. Democrats.

On Thursday, bowing to pressure from Mr. Trump, Israel barred a visit by Rashida Tlaib and fellow Democrat Ilhan Omar that it had initially said it would allow.

The next day, Israel said it would let Ms. Rashida Tlaib visit her family in the West Bank on humanitarian grounds — but she rejected the offer, saying that Israel had imposed restrictions meant to humiliate her.

On Friday night, Mr.



Still hopeful: Muftia, the grandmother of U.S. Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib, outside her house in the village of Beit Ur Al-Fauqa, West Bank, on Friday. • REUTERS

Trump tweeted: "Rep. Tlaib wrote a letter to Israeli officials desperately wanting to visit her grandmother. Permission was quickly granted, whereupon Tlaib obnoxiously turned the approval down, a complete setup. The only real winner here is Tlaib's grandmother. She doesn't have to see her now!"

Ms. Muftia, sitting in her garden in the village of Beit Ur Al-Fauqa, was not impressed. "Trump tells me I

U.S. issues warrant to seize Iran tanker

Gibraltar court had ordered its release

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

GIBRALTAR

A last-minute U.S. warrant to seize an Iranian tanker preparing to leave Gibraltar after weeks of detention cast doubt over its departure on Saturday, prolonging a diplomatic spat between Tehran, London and Washington.

The U.S. Justice Department alleged the ship was part of a scheme "to unlawfully access the U.S. financial system to support illicit shipments to Syria from Iran by the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps", which Washington has designated a foreign terrorist organisation.

There was no comment from Britain or Gibraltar, its overseas territory, over whether they would act on the warrant.

Gibraltar seized the ship on July 4 on suspicion it was transporting oil to Syria in breach of European sanctions, triggering a sharp deterioration in relations between Tehran and London. Iran has repeatedly denied this. On Thursday, Gibraltar's Supreme Court ordered the tanker released after the British overseas territory said it had received assurances from Iran that the Grace 1 would not head to any country subject to EU sanctions.

South Yemeni separatists quit some Aden posts

But retain camps to control port

REUTERS

ADEN/DUBAI

Southern Yemeni separatists withdrew on Saturday from some government buildings in Aden that they seized last week but held on to military camps that give them control over the southern port, interim seat of Yemen's ousted Saudi-backed government.

The separatists' takeover of Aden has strained a Saudi-led military coalition formed to confront the Iranian-aligned Houthis, who bombed a Saudi oil facility on Saturday.

A Houthi spokesman said 10 drones launched towards oil installations at Shaybah in eastern Saudi Arabia constituted the "biggest attack in the depths" of the kingdom. The state oil company

Saudi Aramco said the attack had caused a "limited fire" at a gas plant which had been contained and had not affected production.

Houthi leader Abdel-Malek al-Houthi said events in Aden showed the coalition was in crisis and that Mr. Hadi was powerless. "Those who supported the aggressors... have no authority or freedom, but are subservient to Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates," the group's Al Masirah TV quoted him as saying.

He said the strike on Saudi oil assets near the border with the United Arab Emirates was also a warning to the UAE, which has scaled down its military presence in the coalition but continued to funds and arm the southern separatists.

U.S. spares a few Chinese items from tax

REUTERS WASHINGTON
The Trump administration is sparing some Chinese-made household furniture, baby items and Internet modems and routers from its next round of 10% tariffs.

The U.S. Trade Representative's office released a complete list of the items that were removed from \$300 billion in tariffs scheduled to go into effect on September 1 and December 15, some of which had already been hit with 25% tariffs. The new list of 44 categories of spared imports also includes some chemical compounds used in the manufacture of plastics.

The bulk of the items removed from the tariff list were furniture products, and those made of plastics.

Consumer durables, services segments drag loan growth

Housing loans, however, grow 18.9% year-on-year, marking an exception

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT MUMBAI
Growth in bank credit moderated during the first quarter of the current financial year following a slowdown in the services sector while loans for consumer durables contracted significantly.

According to the latest data from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on the sector-wise deployment of bank loans, there was a 71.5% year-on-year contraction in the consumer durables category till June 21, compared with the 17.3% growth in the year-ago period.

Consumer loans are under the personal loan category where growth slowed down to 16.6% from 17.9%.

Outstanding bank credit



No more king: Growth in consumer loans slowed down to 16.6% this year till June 21, from 17.9% a year earlier. ■ V. RAJU

to the consumer loan segment fell sharply to ₹5,800 crore from ₹20,300 crore.

Vehicle loans, another segment of retail finance, had also seen a sharp decline in credit growth. According to the data, vehicle loan growth had fallen to 5.1%

these loans. Loans against shares and bonds also contracted with year-on-year growth at a negative 5.4% compared with 8.3% a year ago.

Loan growth to the services sector slowed to 13% year-on-year from 23.3% from a year ago. After recording 13.2% year-on-year growth in 2018-19, bank credit moderated to 12.2% year-on-year till August 2.

One marked exception is in home loans, which is still holding steady. Housing loans have grown 18.9% year-on-year on top of the 15.8% growth a year ago.

While there is a demand slowdown, RBI has cut interest rates by 110 basis points in 2019 to boost loan growth.

Ujjivan to raise ₹1,200 cr. via public offer

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT MUMBAI
Ujjivan Small Finance Bank (USFB) has filed its draft red herring prospectus (DRHP) with the Securities and Exchange Board of India for an initial public offer to raise ₹1,200 crore.

According to the DRHP, the lender may consider a pre-issue placement up to ₹300 crore.

If the pre-IPO placement is undertaken, the amount raised from it will be reduced from the issue, subject to the minimum issue size constituting at least 10% of the post-issue paid-up equity share capital of Ujjivan SFB.

Kotak Mahindra Capital Company Limited, IIFL Securities Limited and JM Financial Limited are the book running lead managers for the issue.



The exercise is aimed at creating a road map for the future of the bank, says ED P. Ramana Murthy.

Central Bank holds consultative meet

Move follows FM's exhortation

MINI TEJASWI BENGALURU
Central Bank of India is holding a two-day bottom-level consultative meet across 4,665 of its branches in the country in response to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's recent call for introspection and action among PSU banks.

Executive director P. Ramana Murthy said the takeaways from this exercise would be discussed and debated at a State-level interaction scheduled between August 22 and August 23, and the final outcome would be presented to the Finance Minister and the Prime Minister.

"There is a visible slowdown in the economy. Segments such as automotive and real estate are already not doing well. The government feels that people at branch level can do better in terms of lending to priority sectors such as agriculture, MSME, education, retail and infrastructure. Banks play a crucial role in creating buoyancy in the market and thereby boosting economic growth," he said.

The key performance indicators identified by the bank include: push for digitisation, its exposures to

MSME, Mudra loan scheme, education, agriculture and other priority sectors, NPA management, alignment with local priorities, corporate governance and financial inclusion of women entrepreneurs.

"We have achieved all targets and sub-targets for the priority sector and we are also at a vantage position with 65% of our branches being in the rural markets."

RIL's restructuring, stake sale intent points to succession plan

One of India's largest conglomerates may become a holding firm with three large subsidiaries, oil to chemicals, retail and Jio

PIYUSH PANDEY MUMBAI
Reliance Industries (RIL) chairman Mukesh Ambani decision to carve out oil-to-chemicals (O2C) business into a separate entity and induct strategic partners for consumer-facing businesses of retail and telecommunications before listing is seen a precursor of RIL's long-term succession plans.

During the company's annual general meeting (AGM), a shareholder asked RIL chairman Mukesh Ambani to make throw light on succession planning at the conglomerate.

"This is in regard to succession planning. From Akash, Isha and Anant, who

will be leading which business? How is the succession going to take place?" asked the shareholder.

However, Mr. Ambani did not give a direct reply. He said, "I deeply appreciate the suggestions given by shareholders. Any individual query or specifics will be answered by our company secretary."

"We take every suggestion very seriously. Some of the best suggestions come from all of you. The board has noted your expectations and we will try to meet your expectations."

Mr. Ambani (62) knows well the pitfalls of not having a clear succession plan and hence, has already started



Family silver: Interestingly Mr. Ambani did not give a direct reply to a shareholder's query on succession. ■ VIJAY BATE

taking baby steps towards succession planning.

"I don't think [Mr.] Mukesh Ambani will commit the same mistake his father Dhirubhai did. The carving out of three big businesses hints at a possible succession plan in the making, given that he has three children," said a

We have to wait and watch to see who gets what
SANJIV BHASIN
Executive VP, IIFL Securities

Mumbai-based analyst.

In fact, Mr. Ambani may have started thinking of succession planning in 2014 itself, when his son Akash and daughter Isha joined the boards of Reliance Jio and Reliance Retail as directors.

Size does matter
Since then, both Reliance Retail and Reliance Jio had grown to become India's largest retailer and largest telecom company, respectively. Both Akash and Isha are very hands-on when it comes to

retail and telecom, sources said.

"They also address shareholders every year and introduce new products and services. There is no doubt that they are going to take hold of the reins of the companies in the coming years," said an RIL shareholder.

"I still think Mr. Ambani has a long way to go. He is imaginative and far-sighted. It's very wise on his part that he is trying to place all three [in the business] given that there has been a problem historically."

"[However] we have to wait and watch to see who gets what," Sanjiv Bhasin, executive vice-president, IIFL Securities, told *The Hindu*.

'Coffee Day debt to drop to ₹1,000 cr.'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT BENGALURU
The debt position of the Coffee Day Group post repayment of debt out of proceeds from the sale of Global Village to private equity major Blackstone is expected to come down to ₹1,000 crore in the next 45 days, Coffee Day Enterprises (CDEL) said in a regulatory filing.

This would exclude the debt on the books of its logistics arm Sical and Magnasoft. It added that its debt as on July 31, 2019 was ₹4,970 crore.

The company expects to have a 'comfortable position' to 'service the reduced debt obligations. Sical has been working on divestment of certain assets. The proceeds from the divestment is expected to significantly reduce the debt in Sical, it added.

Elaborating, the company said it had decided to divest Global Village, held by its subsidiary Tanglin Developments Ltd., for an aggregate consideration of ₹2,600 to ₹3,000 crore. On receipt of the consideration, after payment of required statutory payments, the debt position of Coffee Day Group will reduce around by ₹2,400 crore.

As per the stock market declaration, the debt position of its subsidiaries are: Tanglin Developments, ₹1,622 crore, Coffee Day Global ₹1,097 crore, Sical Logistics ₹1,488 crore, Coffee Day Enterprises ₹480 crore and Way2Wealth Securities ₹121 crore.

Coffee Day Enterprises will announce its first quarter results for the current fiscal after the completion of scrutiny of its accounts and financials by recently appointed consulting firm, EY. The letter written by Mr. Siddhartha will remain 'purported' until the forensic study on it is completed to verify veracity, said a top executive in the company.

INTERVIEW | RAHIL ANSARI

'Credit crunch situation must change'

You need to reduce tax to make us invest more in products, says Audi India head

LALATENDU MISHRA
German luxury automobile major Audi is facing an uphill task in India with reduced sales volume. **Rahil Ansari, head, Audi India, discusses various issues and how petrol and electric cars will be the future. Excerpts:**

What has gone wrong with Audi India? You were number one once and now, gone to number three among luxury carmakers.

■ Nothing has gone wrong. When we came to this market, we were the last one to come. From number three, we went to number two and then to number one. Then, we went to number two and now, we are back to number three.

The luxury segment is very product life-cyclic business and more the products you launch, the more cars you sell. We had a couple of firsts in getting to number one, which was namely the A3 and the Q3 volume models.

If you look at past years, we didn't have as many launches as all of our competitors, which is one of the reasons why you don't sell the volumes that you were selling earlier.

Last year, we had an unforeseen closure in the NCR which was one of our largest dealerships and then, the change from the emission life cycle in Europe and the WLTP which led to our coming out with some of the other models a little later than expected.

I do still believe that the volume segment, overall, is not doing as great as it could be in India. The cake is not really getting bigger, which is mainly on account of credit crunch and it's on account of taxes. The taxes are very high, it's not really favourable.

So, it will go both ways. Now, when it

comes to the products, of course, it's the year of the 8s. We will launch the A8, the Q8, the R8, this will all come in the second half of the year, most likely [by the] end of quarter three, beginning of quarter four.

We are working on a few more models for this year.

We don't have the final confirmation yet, so unfortunately, I cannot disclose anything at this stage but there may be one or the other model this year. For sure, there is something more planned for next year.

You sold 6,463 units in 2018; was this a conscious decision to sell less?

■ It was not a conscious decision. There are things like product life cycle. But I do believe that being too aggressive doesn't make sense, because if you look at the entire product portfolio, we have a lot of products. But for the size of 40,000 units (market in India), it doesn't do justice to have a much larger product portfolio.

So, yes we need more models. And, we will come up with models which will have higher volume impact. I do believe that in order to launch more cars and a much larger model variety, you need to have crucial changes in the entire tax system.

The cake is not really getting bigger, which is mainly due to credit crunch and on account of taxes

Are you BS VI ready?

■ We will be ready on the first of April 2020.

When will Audi roll out its first electric car in India?

■ We have done a lot of development on this.

Our employees are fully trained on high voltage batteries and we have certified technicians from Audi India. We are ready with our concepts to roll out the E-tron. I hope the E-tron will come out by 2020.

But we are trying to make it a little earlier. It is a fantastic car, I do believe that electric mobility is the right step.

I do think that electric vehicles will do well in India and of course, the question is how the government is going to push the infrastructure roll-out.

While there have been developments in a positive manner with GST implementation with lower taxes for electric vehicles, and some pilots running on infrastructure, of course, [they] have to be further pushed.

We are hopeful that once this is done, we can also bring out the car.

When will you manufacture electric cars



When will you manufacture electric cars

ChPT to create common-user empty container yard

Port to address export-import container traffic disparity

N. ANAND CHENNAI
Chennai Port Trust (ChPT) will create a common-user empty container yard to address the disparity between import and export container traffic in the region.

ChPT receives more import containers than export containers. As a result, a large number of empty containers are generated after import cargo is destuffed, said P. Raveendran, chairman, Chennai Port Trust.

Therefore, there was a need for the container operator to reposition the containers for other ports of the region.

This issue would be addressed by the creation of a common-user empty container yard, which would re-



To boost auto exports, the port had developed 11.32 hectares of concrete yard.

ceive and stack empty containers within the port area at a minimum cost to the trade, he said.

Container survey
The port also plans to take up container survey, cleaning and minor repairs.

This would help container lines to feed empty containers to the required vessels with minimum delay and cost.

On car exports, he said that from January to July 2019, the port handled 57,462 cars through 15 vessels compared with 39,920 cars through nine vessels in the corresponding period last year.

To encourage automobile exports through Chennai, the port had developed 11.32 hectares of concrete yard.

Besides, the port had also rationalised vessel-based land allotment process.

The security deposit requirement had been reduced to one month against three months in the earlier scheme.

Sun Pharma arm signs pact with China's CMS

Grants partner licence to sell 7 drugs

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT MUMBAI
A wholly-owned subsidiary of Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. has granted an exclusive licence to a subsidiary of China Medical System Holdings Ltd. (CMS) to develop and commercialise seven generic products in mainland China.

The collaboration with CMS now covers eight generic products including the seven products referred above. The total addressable market size for all these eight products is about \$1 billion in mainland China.

The initial term of the agreement shall be 20 years from the first commercial sale of the respective products in Mainland China and may be extended for three years as per mutual agreement of the two par-



Dilip Shanghvi

ties. "This collaboration gives us entry into the Chinese generic pharmaceutical market. We see lot of potential in China for both our generics and specialty portfolio. With more than 65% generics penetration, China represents a significant opportunity for generic pharmaceutical companies," said Dilip Shanghvi, MD, Sun Pharma.



A crisis of legitimacy

Is P.S. Golay eligible to hold office as Chief Minister of Sikkim?

K. VENKATARAMANAN

The story so far: The Supreme Court is hearing a writ petition challenging the appointment of P.S. Golay alias Prem Singh Tamang as Chief Minister of Sikkim. The matter last came up on July 30 and was adjourned for three weeks. The crux of the issue is that the 51-year-old leader of the Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM) could not have been appointed Chief Minister, as he is under a subsisting disqualification. Mr. Golay did not contest the Assembly election held this year, as he is barred from electoral contests after being convicted for corruption in 2016. He completed his prison term only in August 2018. The petitioner, Bimal Dawari Sharma of the Sikkim Democratic Front party, argues that in view of his disqualification from elections for six years from the date of release, Mr. Golay could not have been appointed Chief Minister.

What was the case against Mr. Golay?
It goes back to his tenure as Minister for Animal Husbandry in 1996. He was held guilty under the Prevention of Corruption Act of misappropriating ₹9.50 lakh, in the purchase of milch cows for distribution. He was sentenced to a one-year prison term. After his conviction was upheld by the Sikkim High Court, he served out a one-year sentence in prison. He was released on August 10, 2018.

What does his conviction for corruption entail?
A person convicted under the Prevention of Corruption Act is not eligible to contest an election for six years from the date of release. This is under Section 8(1)(m) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951. As Mr. Golay's sentence came to an end in August 2018, he is barred from contesting polls until 2024.

Was he eligible to be appointed Chief Minister?
Going by the law laid down by the Supreme Court in *B.R. Kapoor vs State Of Tamil Nadu* (2001), Mr. Golay could not have been appointed Chief Minister. This was the judgment that unseated Jayalalithaa after she was controversially appointed to the office by the Governor. Jayalalithaa's nomination papers in four constituencies had been rejected then, with three returning officers citing her disqualification arising from conviction for corruption. In Mr. Golay's case, he chose not to contest the election. Both of them were elected leaders of their respective legislature parties, which won the elections.

What was the principle behind the court's ruling?
Jayalalithaa's lawyers had argued that qualification to be

a legislator was not a prescribed eligibility norm for appointment as Chief Minister. The Governor was bound to appoint the person elected by the party that enjoyed majority in the House, and that for at least six months, a non-member could continue until the question of being eligible to contest an election arises. The Supreme Court had rejected this argument. "That non-legislator must be one who, when he is appointed, is not debarred

from obtaining membership of the legislature : he must be one who is qualified to stand for the legislature and is not disqualified to do so."

How does the party, the SKM, view this legal bar?
The SKM's party, the SKM, has come up with an unusual argument in support of his appointment as Chief Minister. It has claimed that the RP (Amendment) Act, 2002, under which the clause related to disqualification for conviction under the Prevention of Corruption Act was introduced, had been 'repealed' by the Repealing and Amending Act, 2015.

It seems unlikely that this argument will be accepted. Even though the Repealing and Amending Act mentions the 2002 Amendment Act as one of the laws that are being repealed, it is quite obvious that it was only being done to get rid of redundant laws from the statute book. The relevant clause in the repealing Act is clear that provisions that were incorporated through the amendment and have become part of the parent law will continue to be in force.

The 'savings' clause says: "The repeal by this Act of any enactment shall not affect any Act in which such enactment has been applied, incorporated or referred to." In other words, the clause relating to disqualification for a corruption conviction is now part of the RPA, 1951, and the 2002 amending law was repealed only because it was no more needed.

Does Mr. Golay have any other option?
The Sikkim Chief Minister has approached the Election Commission of India (ECI) for a waiver of the remaining period of his disqualification. Section 11 of the RPA says the ECI is empowered to remove any disqualification or reduce its duration for "reasons to be recorded".

Why is the auto industry facing trouble?

The automobile sector is in the news as it is experiencing prolonged negative growth. What are the reasons? Why are jobs being lost? And how can the government help?

YUTHIKA BHARGAVA

The story so far: In July, the sale of vehicles across categories in the country slumped 18.71% to about 18.25 lakh units, down from about 22.45 lakh units, a year ago in the same month. This has been the steepest fall in nearly 19 years. This data, by the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM), gives out wholesale figures – i.e. the number of vehicles despatched to dealers by vehicle manufacturers. The passenger vehicle segment, which comprises cars, utility vehicles and vans, has been one of the worst performing segments, registering its highest drop in sales since December 2000: almost 31%, to a little over two lakh units from nearly 2.91 lakh units in July 2018. This was also the ninth straight drop in monthly passenger vehicle sales. In fact, barring a low single digit uptick in October 2018, segment sales have been falling for the past year. With the industry failing to arrest the downturn that started almost a year ago, despite deep discounts and new model launches, it has been forced to undertake production cuts. This has also led to the trimming of over 2.15 lakh jobs in the sector.

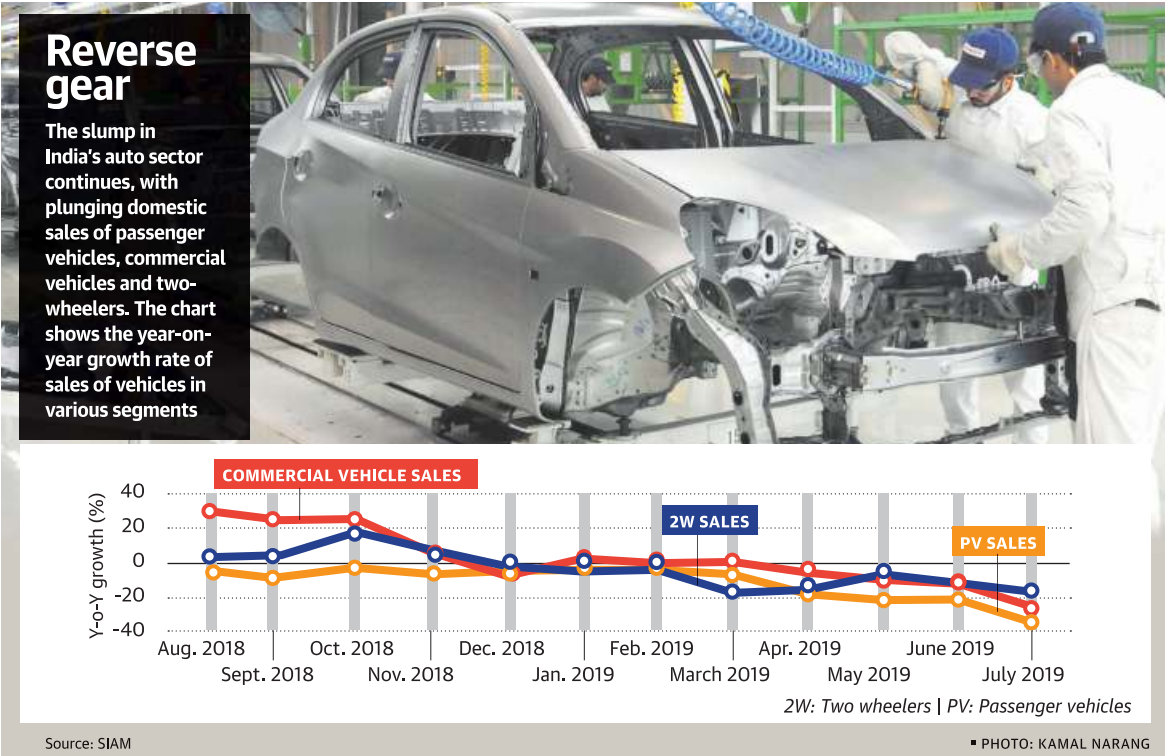
What has happened to the automobile sector?
The industry started off 2018-19 on a good note with vehicles sales across categories growing 18% to nearly 70 lakh units in the first quarter (April-June 2018). During the quarter, passenger vehicle sales were up nearly 20%, commercial vehicles sales were up 51.55%, and that of two-wheelers grew 16%.

However, domestic passenger vehicle sales declined for the first time after nine months in July 2018. In July 2017, vehicle sales spiked due to the benefits extended by the rollout of the Goods and Services Tax (GST). However, demand failed to pick up in August and September, after the floods in Kerala and heavy rainfall in several other States.

Why did inventory pile up?
In the ensuing months, consumer sentiment remained subdued as the total cost of vehicle ownership went up largely due to an increase in fuel prices, higher interest rates and a hike in vehicle insurance costs. In such an environment, the festive season too failed to boost demand, leading to a huge inventory pile-up with dealers. To add to this, the IL&FS crisis late last year led to a severe liquidity crunch, almost drying up credit for dealers and customers. Nearly half the vehicles sold in rural markets – a segment that has been witnessing a higher growth rate in comparison to urban markets – are financed by non-banking financial companies (NBFCs). Being stuck with higher inventory due to a lacklustre festive season, dealers too needed more working capital.

As a result of all these factors, all vehicle categories, including commercial vehicles and two wheelers, began experiencing negative growth beginning December setting alarm bells ringing. The industry found some solace in the fact that historically, vehicle sales decline in the months preceding elections, and expressed the hope that demand following the elections would pick up. However, this did not happen.

Are people holding off on purchases?
There is also a possibility that some customers are



waiting to buy the latest Bharat Stage (BS)-VI emission standard compliant vehicles or are waiting for more incentives from vehicle makers who will be looking to sell off their BS-IV compliant stocks before the April 1, 2020 deadline. Many industry players have also expressed concern that too much focus on electric vehicles (EVs) by the government may also be encouraging buyers to postpone the purchase of petrol and diesel vehicles.

How many jobs have been lost?
The automobile sector is one of the largest employers in the country, employing about 37 million people, directly and indirectly. The prolonged demand slowdown has triggered production as well as job cuts in the sector. According to the latest figures that are available, original

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Dealers Associations (FADA), the apex national body of automobile retail industry engaged in the sale, service and spares of two- and three-wheelers, passenger cars, utility vehicles, commercial vehicles (including buses and trucks) and tractors. Separately, the Automotive Component Manufacturers Association of India (ACMA) warned in July that 10 lakh jobs were at risk and urgent action was needed to bring the industry back on track.

Why is the current slowdown different?
Edelweiss Research has pointed out that the current slowdown in the sector is very different from the ones that the industry has gone through earlier. First, the

What is the UN's stand on Kashmir?

What are UN Security Council members urging India and Pakistan to do to resolve the issue?

KALLOL BHATTACHERJEE

The story so far: On Friday, August 16, the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) held a "closed consultation" meeting on the situation in Kashmir. On August 5, India had ended the special status of the State of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) under Article 370 and Article 35A, carving it into two Union Territories: J&K and Ladakh. The Valley was put on lockdown, and mainstream political leaders were taken into custody. Both India and Pakistan were kept out of the UNSC meeting on Friday. The last time "The India-Pakistan Question" was taken up by the UNSC was in December 1971 when India and Pakistan fought a war leading to the creation of Bangladesh. It had been discussed during the 1965 war too when Indian and Pakistani forces clashed in Kashmir and the western borders. After the abrogation of Article 370 last Monday, Pakistan wrote to the UNSC. China, a permanent member of the UNSC, and an ally of Pakistan, sought a meeting of the UNSC to discuss the developments in Kashmir.

What did the UNSC discussion throw up?
The UNSC has not yet put out a statement, but after the meeting India insisted that issues around Article 370 and special status to J&K were an internal matter. The Indian Ambassador to the UN, Syed Akbaruddin, accused Pakistan and China of attempting to impart greater significance to the meeting than was warranted. One question that has been raised is about the situation in the Kashmir Valley now. Is the ground reality in the formerly undivided princely State of J&K similar to that of the late 1940s when key UN resolutions, including the UNSC Resolution 47 recommending plebiscite, were passed?

When did the UNSC first discuss J&K?
The Kashmir issue at the UN debuted on January 1, 1948 as India urged the UNSC to discuss the conflict that had erupted three months earlier when Pakistan sent irregulars, tribals and camouflaged soldiers into Kashmir prompting the Maharaja of the princely Indian State to accede to India. The submission of India detailing the violence unleashed by the irregulars on the local population and infrastructure became the foundation upon which the "Jammu and Kashmir Question" was created at the UNSC. The title was changed on January 22, 1948 to "The India-Pakistan Question". From its origin till 1971, the topic featured prominently at the UNSC especially when both countries clashed.

Under Resolution 39 on January 20, 1948, the UNSC set up a three-member UN Commission for India and Pakistan (UNCIP). Disagreement between India and Pakistan led to the first failure as the commission failed to materialise. The commission was finally reconstituted with five members on April 21, 1948 and it was mandated to plan a mechanism to ensure a plebiscite in the State. (This was part of the UNSC Resolution 47). The UNSC



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Resolution 47 passed on this date urged India and Pakistan to hold a plebiscite after restoration of law and order. The UNCIP passed a resolution on January 5, 1949 that provided the mechanism for holding a "free and impartial plebiscite" in Kashmir.

At this juncture Pakistan managed to get an upper hand as the UNSC, under the influence of the United Kingdom, agreed to a ceasefire proposal without first ensuring Pakistan's withdrawal from the area that it had gained during the early tribal raid in Kashmir. This allowed Pakistan to hold on to territory that would ultimately contribute to undermining the terms of the plebiscite itself.

Why did the plebiscite plan fall through?
The 1947-48 India-Pakistan war ended in a ceasefire but the Kashmir solution remained elusive. A key condition for the plebiscite was withdrawal of Pakistan from the areas under its control and India withdrawing individuals who were not residents of the State. However, neither of this happened. Instead both sides firmed up their presence in the areas under their control. India took the Kashmir issue to the UN for "prompt and effective action" but as pointed out by scholars, the big powers ensured that the issue lingered on and became a part of the global concern on conflicts.

What is the relevance of the Simla Agreement to the Kashmir issue?
Under the Simla Agreement of July 2, 1972, India gained Pakistan's commitment that the Kashmir conflict would be resolved bilaterally. Pakistan, however, kept the issue alive by hosting the Islamic Summit of 1974 where Pakistan began courting the Islamic world for its major foreign policy goals. After the Simla Agreement, Pakistan

slowdown is driven by domestic factors, including the NBFC crisis, while the earlier ones were triggered by global events. It also pointed out that over FY19-21, vehicle prices are estimated to jump 13-30% due to safety, insurance and emission-related compliance costs. For end consumers, such a steep price hike can prove a hurdle in growth recovery. Meanwhile, growing competition from the pre-owned cars market is also pulling down sales of new vehicles. For example, in the passenger vehicles segment, while the new vehicles market grew 2% in FY19, the pre-owned market saw double-digit growth.

What does the auto industry want?
The auto industry has been unable to arrest plunging sales in spite of new launches and offers and has been demanding immediate government intervention. Pointing out that the industry's turnover is close to half of the manufacturing GDP, accounting for about 11% of the entire GST revenues of the country, the auto sector is hoping that the government will come out with a revival package ahead of the festive season to yield benefits. The industry's demands include a reduction in GST to 18% from the current rate of 28%, which will help in an immediate price reduction. It could kick-start demand in the short term, particularly ahead of the coming festive season. Besides, it has sought measures to handle the NBFC crisis to infuse liquidity into the system, and clarity on policy for electric vehicles and introduction of vehicle scrappage policy, which will also boost demand for new vehicles. These demands were also placed before the Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman, during a recent meeting.

How long will the slowdown last?
That is anyone's guess. With BS-VI variants to be rolled out April 2020 onward, the prices of vehicles will go up. While the increase for petrol vehicles is likely to be in the range of ₹20,000-₹50,000, in the case of diesel vehicles it could well be between ₹ 1 lakh and ₹1.5 lakh. The transition could also trigger some demand for BS-IV compliant vehicles in the remaining part of the year, given the price difference.

proceeded to further entrench territorial status quo as Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto on November 7, 1973 ruled out an independent status for Azad Kashmir.

The Northern Areas and Azad Kashmir were territories of the princely Indian State of Jammu and Kashmir that were awaiting plebiscite but the case for "accession" ruined the chance of Pakistan acting in accordance with the conditions of plebiscite, writes Aman M. Hingorani in *Unravelling the Kashmir Knot*. Under these circumstances, Kashmir as a legal problem appears far more daunting than

Kashmir as a political problem that can be addressed by two powers of South Asia.

What have the members of the UNSC said?
Several of them have urged India and Pakistan to resolve the issue bilaterally – as India too has argued. Pakistan's Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi had gone to the UN with China's support but the heightened military tension on the Line of Control and the ground situation on both sides show that the conditions in which the UNSC had passed its early resolutions on Kashmir do not exist any longer. Discussing the issue under UN auspices will be difficult for several reasons. First, the two parties (India and Pakistan) have continued the process of assimilation of territories under respective control into their union of states. Second, both sides had agreed to deal with it bilaterally.

The sins of the fathers

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On August 16 last year, a friend visited me in Delhi. He was touring the national capital for the first time and was excited. “Let us go to India Gate and Jantar Mantar. Delhi has got a vibe,” he ended with a millennial phrase.

We both belong to a generation that had grown up obsessively patriotic watching films such as *Border* and *Rang De Basanti*. Singing the national anthem was routine in the school assembly every day, and we stood with our heads held high. Independence Day and Republic Day parades instilled in us patriotism, so much so that we longed to grow up and be of use to the nation.

But in the rat race to get into a good course and college, we became ignorant of the happenings in the country. When we became eligible for voting, we had no idea what the political scenario was and who to vote for. Nor did we feel the responsibility that came with the right to vote, for which millions had fought for hundreds of years. Our ignorance of the political scene did not, however, stop us from voting.

Two years later, I was fortunate enough to realise the mistake and feel the responsibility bestowed on us by the right to vote when I stumbled upon Orwell’s *1984* in a book store. I read it in a day. A part of me died that day, and a new seed of consciousness was sown. It was like coming

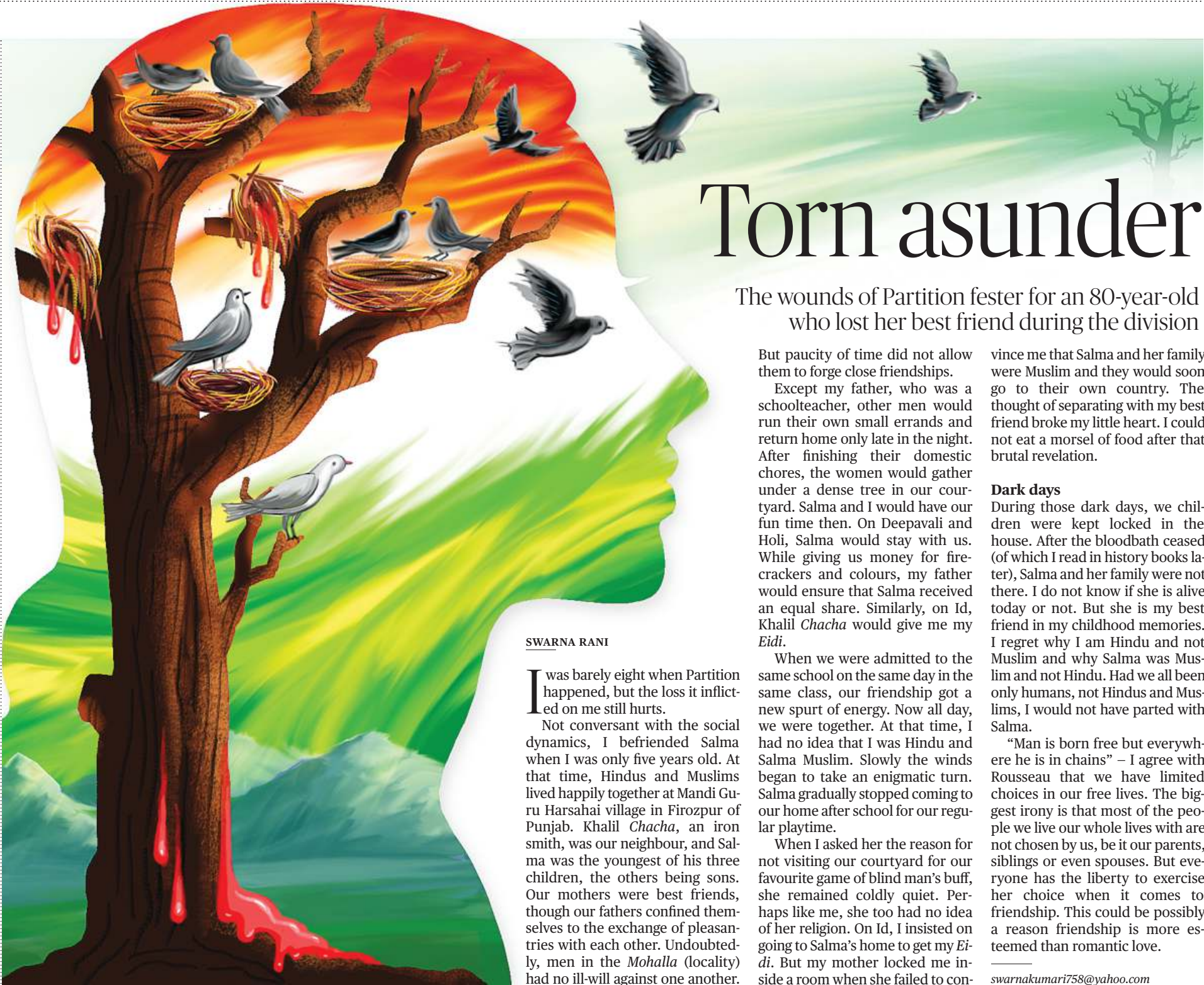
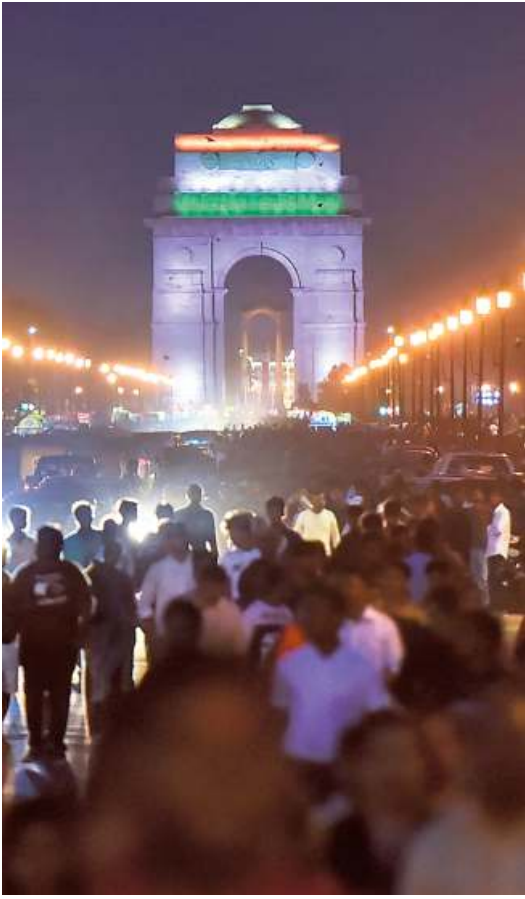
out of a veil of darkness.

I gave the book to my friend. After he read it, we discussed the nexus between religion and politics, what constitutes a “nation”, growing polarity between majority and minority communities, and the saffron- and green-themed debates on television news channels. We were two young men trying to clear the vagueness now that we were out of the darkness. “We will have to read more and articulate better,” was the conclusion reached by midnight. Read more and articulate better!

We slept, dreaming of driving on the Raj Path and saluting the India Gate as DJ (Aamir Khan) and friends did in *Rang De Basanti*. The next day, we went to the India Gate and saw the government buildings around. The sky was cloudy all day, and while roaming on the streets, our conversation still maintained the patriotic-political character. “Religion in politics is a problem that our fathers gave us. If we give it to our sons, it will be our fault,” my friend’s comment has stayed with me ever since.

One might think that dreams are not what politics is made of, but who knows maybe that is the problem. Anyhow, it would be abnormal for me in my early twenties not to be a dreamer. A song that another friend of mine loves comes to my mind, “You may say I am a dreamer/But I’m not the only one.”

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Torn asunder

The wounds of Partition fester for an 80-year-old who lost her best friend during the division

But paucity of time did not allow them to forge close friendships.

Except my father, who was a schoolteacher, other men would run their own small errands and return home only late in the night. After finishing their domestic chores, the women would gather under a dense tree in our courtyard. Salma and I would have our fun time then. On Deepavali and Holi, Salma would stay with us. While giving us money for fire-crackers and colours, my father would ensure that Salma received an equal share. Similarly, on Id, Khalil *Chacha* would give me my *Eidi*.

When we were admitted to the same school on the same day in the same class, our friendship got a new spurt of energy. Now all day, we were together. At that time, I had no idea that I was Hindu and Salma Muslim. Slowly the winds began to take an enigmatic turn. Salma gradually stopped coming to our home after school for our regular playtime.

When I asked her the reason for not visiting our courtyard for our favourite game of blind man’s buff, she remained coldly quiet. Perhaps like me, she too had no idea of her religion. On Id, I insisted on going to Salma’s home to get my *Eidi*. But my mother locked me inside a room when she failed to con-

vince me that Salma and her family were Muslim and they would soon go to their own country. The thought of separating with my best friend broke my little heart. I could not eat a morsel of food after that brutal revelation.

Dark days

During those dark days, we children were kept locked in the house. After the bloodbath ceased (of which I read in history books later), Salma and her family were not there. I do not know if she is alive today or not. But she is my best friend in my childhood memories. I regret why I am Hindu and not Muslim and why Salma was Muslim and not Hindu. Had we all been only humans, not Hindus and Muslims, I would not have parted with Salma.

“Man is born free but everywhere he is in chains” – I agree with Rousseau that we have limited choices in our free lives. The biggest irony is that most of the people we live our whole lives with are not chosen by us, be it our parents, siblings or even spouses. But everyone has the liberty to exercise her choice when it comes to friendship. This could be possibly a reason friendship is more esteemed than romantic love.

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Sound and fury

When cacophony turns the world into a living hell

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I will be the happiest man on the planet if someone turns the world to the mute mode, at least for a few hours. I fear, of late, that I suffer from misophonia, a disorder in which certain sounds trigger emotional or psychological responses that some may perceive as unreasonable, given the circumstances.

Nearly a decade-and-a-half ago, as a section controller in the Railways, I would be peeved by the sounds and noise that sneaked into the omnibus communication network. The extraneous decibel disturbances often made the work chaotic. The “cross-talk” and the “line fault”, as they were called in our argot, triggered my immediate intervention for correctives, sometimes even putting off colleagues.

My intent to avoid interfering noises or sounds grew with me, so to say, in all walks of life: functional and domestic arenas, restaurants, transport vehicles...

Some auto drivers play



film songs at uncomfortable sound levels during travel. If asked to stop it, some of them cast a strange glance at me, for they seldom encounter such a request. If a driver ignores my request, I choose to get down, embarrassing those travelling with me. On trains and buses, I used to endure acrimonious talks, raillery and other acoustic assaults.

Drivers indiscriminately blare high-decibel horns, giving scant respect to the restrictions of the zones they traverse. Some of them are patently ignorant of the road rules. Yet another

group derives a sort of bliss by riding motorbikes with modified silencers that let out high, rasping noise.

In my home, I am hypersensitive to the clatter of vessels and the noise of kitchen equipment such as mixers, air-coolers and ceiling fans.

Yet another source of noise are the reckless processions and roadshows. I am at a loss to know if sound sensitivity drives other elderly people too crazy. In my case, I like a serene, noise-free ambience to live in.

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Of wonder-filled childhood

How a starry-eyed youngster sees the world differently

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There is a small white flower in my garden blooming at 4 in the evening and hence called the 4 o’ clock flower. Many evenings of my childhood, I had spend looking at the flower to see the blooming. I tried everything from not closing my eyes to shielding the flower from the breeze, but I couldn’t see what I wanted.

So I formed a postulate that it is a secret known only to the flower. As the flower knows that I am looking at it, the breeze is helping it make small movements and bloom.

Nature has always fascinated me, and the stars were my favourite subject. My father told me that the stars were uncountable. I thought if I could count them, I would become a scientist. That was the age when I didn’t even know to count to more than 100. Yes! Counting the stars was stupid. But I enjoyed it.

I thought the moon belonged to me. Wherever I went, it followed me. And



someday when the moon wasn’t there, I thought that it had slept early. My mother used to feed my younger sister saying that she would catch the moon for her. I would get angry, thinking how unfair it was to give my moon to her.

Another postulate of mine was that there were peoples and things trapped inside the TV. My sister and I planned a plot to break the TV when there was a lot of chocolates beamed on the screen. We even kept a ham-

mer ready. Thank God, I didn’t do that.

I wonder what the children of the younger generation must be thinking in this age of technology. I have a friend who talks to her sister’s daughters through video call. Are these children thinking that their aunt is stuck inside the phone? Hope they are not planning to break the phone.

My childhood was filled with sea, breeze, stars, plants and flowers. The first 1,000 days are the foundation of the development of a child’s emotional, cognitive and motor skills. Home is their first school and parents are their first teachers. What you show them are what they become.

Make sure that your children know the beauty of nature. Teach them how to plant a tree. Let them play in the mud. Let them run. Let them fall. Let them get up by their own. Let them wipe off the dust and run again. And that is how children learn their first lesson of not giving up.

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A flood of compassion when the levees broke in Kerala

A doctor’s account of how pride and communal divisions melted away during the floods in Kerala in August 2018

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After several dull days, there was a sudden surge of patients in my outpatient clinic. It was expected; the water level had receded after the devastating floods in Kerala in August 2018, and the road to Muvattupuzha was open. I was expecting some “flood cases”. And sure there were.

There was this middle-age woman from Neriamangalam, on the way to Idukki. She never expected the water to rise to such levels. Still there was a tinge of relief in her voice: “We got time to remove all our important documents.” Loss of household articles did not seem to bother her much.

Then there was this woman from Ooramana, a small village near Kolenchery. She was worried that her medi-

cines had run out. There were other patients too. And I realised that human priorities can be myriad even in the face of calamity.

But what struck a chord in me was this elderly woman from Mamalassery, another village not a long way from Kolenchery. Everyone called her *Ammachy* (mother). She has been living on the banks of the Muvattupuzha for 42 years. Her husband died a few years ago, and their only son, who runs a bakery, is living with her. The husband was also my patient. In her long life, the rains had come and gone and she had seen the water rise on multiple occasions, but not to this level. She has several ailments and is a breast cancer survivor.

As the water level rose, volunteers from a neighbouring temple came to her house. The ancient temple

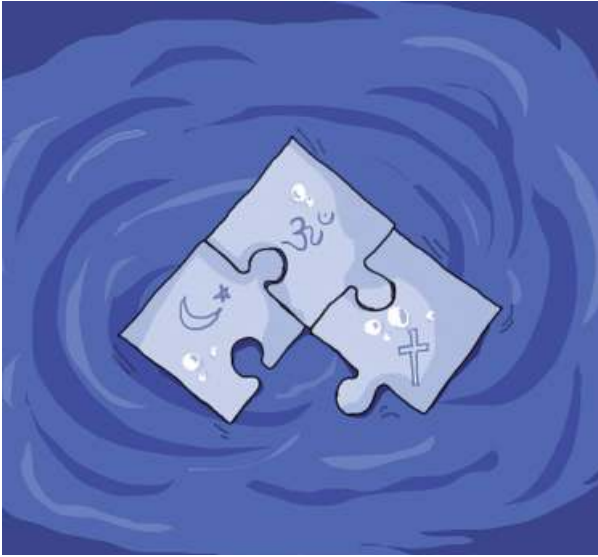


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had a big *ootupura* (dining hall), and they were willing to accommodate there anyone who wanted refuge. The volunteers took *Amma-*

chy on a chair, and the family followed. Water was at the waist level and climbing. It was a Hindu-majority area, and hers was one of the few

Christian families there.

The temple authorities provided her a makeshift cot, while the rest of the people lay on the floor. A man came forward to take her to his house, but she decided to stay on in the hall along with 80 families.

If a calamity can bring out the best in most persons, it can also sometimes bring out the worst in a few. There were some people who refused the accommodation provided in a temple. Flood or not, they were staying put in their homes.

But the temple authorities were clear: “The doors of our *ootupura* will never be shut.”

But vanity finally had to bow before mighty nature. As the water level rose, that mighty pride simply melted away in the churning waters of the Muvattupuzha, and all

made their way to the temple. As it was the Ramayana month, the temple had enough stocks of food.

Volunteers from outside came daily. The local MLA paid a visit. Our *Ammachy* stayed there for about four days and was well taken care of.

I saw the spirit of Kerala in that small village. And I realised that all was not lost. For centuries, our ancestors have lived this way. Humanity came first. The poison of communalism and the seeds of deprivation have not polarised communities in the State.

My clinic closed around 8 p.m. I left for home with a strange feeling of satisfaction that I had discovered a new meaning for what they call “Gods Own Country”.

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Shastri wants to leave a lasting legacy

Says it should be such that other teams going down decades would look to try and emulate

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The reappointed Team India head coach Ravi Shastri says his primary endeavour will be facilitating a smooth transition by the time he leaves the scene. There will also be room for experimentation, he said, as the side looks to leave a lasting legacy.

Shastri, 57, was on Friday, selected for the post for a second term. As per BCCI's constitution, the national team's head coach has to be below 60 years, the age Shastri will be approaching by the time his current tenure ends. The 2023 World Cup is still a long way and winning the 2021 World T20 is the realistic goal for the team.



Looking ahead: Ravi Shastri has set his sights on an Indian team that keeps lifting its its standard constantly. • FILE PHOTO: AFP

Smooth transition

“Next two years is to see that smooth transition happens because you will get a lot of youngsters coming, especially into the white-ball setup. There will be youngsters coming into the Test match setup as well,” Shastri told BCCI TV.

“You will need to identify another three-four bowlers to add to the pool, those are the challenges. At the end of our tenure, in 26 months, my endeavour would be to leave the team in a happier place. So that they can leave a legacy for the time to come,” the former India allrounder said.

“I have the belief that this

team could leave a legacy very few teams have left behind in years to come, not just for the moment they are playing but at the end of it all... the kind of legacy other teams going down decades will want to try and emulate.

On track

“That is the desire, we are on track. There is always room for improvement. And with youth coming in through the ranks, I think it's very exciting time. When you strive for excellence and you strive to raise the bar day in, day out, then you got to pay attention

to that detail. When you do mess up, you have an off day, don't let that day go by, in fact, make sure that you are focusing and concentrating on how you can get over that barrier,” he said.

Among all the candidates, Shastri's record was unmatched as the team reached the No. 1 ranking in Test matches under his guidance and won a series in Australia for the first time in 71 years, besides decent success in the limited overs format.

“It's been superbly consistent if you look at the performance over the last two-

three years. But like I said that is the bar they have set and now it's up to them to raise the bar,” Shastri assessed the team's performance in the last two years.

“There is no other way, they have to. Unless you make those efforts, even at the cost of certain results, you will not know what your best setup is.”

Shastri stressed on the improvements the current setup has made in fielding.

“On thing that is most important is that over the last four-five years, the biggest improvement is fielding and

the endeavour is to make this the best fielding side in the world.

He thanked the three-member committee led by Kapil Dev along with Shanta Rangaswamy and Aunshuman Gaekwad for showing faith in him for another term.

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Pujara, Rohit come good

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India went to tea at 219 for four in 62 overs on the opening day against West Indies-A in the three-day warm-up match ahead of the Test series, here on Saturday.

Cheteshwar Pujara was the mainstay of the innings as he was batting on 89 and had Hanuma Vihari (9) for company at the break.

Rohit Sharma, playing at No. 5, made a fluent 68 before falling to Akim Frazer.

Opener K.L. Rahul made 36, while Mayank Agarwal (12) and Ajinkya Rahane (1) were dismissed cheaply.

Earlier, India began well with the Rahul and Mayank putting on 36 runs for the first wicket before the latter lost his wicket to Jonathan Carter. Then Rahul got out, caught off the bowling of Koen Harding. Carter was again in the act, nailing Rahane.

The scores: India 219 for four in 62 overs at tea (K.L. Rahul 36, Rohit Sharma 68, Cheteshwar Pujara 89 batting) vs West Indies-A. **Toss:** India.

Deepa Malik also recommended for Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna

Gaurav Gill and Ravindra Jadeja among 19 chosen for Arjuna Awards

SPORTS AWARDS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Para athlete Deepa Malik was fourth time lucky after being recommended for the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna for the year 2019 on Saturday, becoming the joint recipient with wrestler Bajrang Punia for the highest sporting honour.

Having won silver at the 2016 Rio paralympics, Deepa had been ignored for the award for the past three years, leading her to question and criticise the decision. Punia too had questioned being ignored last year despite his achievements but both have finally been recognised by the 12-member selection committee after a marathon two-day meeting here.

Six Dronacharyas

The annual sports awards for 2019 across various disciplines and achievements saw the final list including some interesting names and a few

firsts. Unlike in the past, the Sports Ministry had formed a single committee for evaluating and deciding on all the awards – both performance and coaching – and the final recommendations include a massive 19-member list for Arjuna Awards and six for Dronacharya Award for coaching - three each in regular and lifetime categories.

While motorsports would finally be satisfied with being considered a sport by the government with ace racer Gaurav Gill becoming the first-ever from the category to be named for the Arjuna – something even the likes of Narain Karthikeyan could not manage – eyebrows would definitely be raised at the committee recommending S. Bhaskaran for the same for bodybuilding.

Chennai's Bhaskaran would be the fourth body-builder to get the award and the first in 31 years, since T.V. Pauly in 1988, in an event that is not considered sport by many and has constantly raised the spectre of doping across the world.



Deepa Malik..another feather in the cap. • FILE PHOTO: SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

Also being recognised for his achievements at the Asian Games last year was rider Fouaad Mirza, getting an award for equestrian for the first time since 2004. Mirza also becomes the first civilian to get the honour in a sport that has been dominated by service personnel for long.

Indian football goalkeeper Gurpreet Sandhu also got third-time lucky after being ignored twice earlier.

In fact, while several of the medallists at the Asian

Games were recognised in 2018 itself, India's achievements in the continental event saw athletics continue to be the most awarded this year also with Md. Anas Yahiya, Swapna Barman and Tejinderpal Singh Toor being recommended for Arjuna with as many as 14 sports receiving representation.

While women's hockey would feel hard done by with only one name in the men's section despite faring better in the past year, it would be

The recommendations

RAJIV GANDHI KHEL RATNA: Bajrang Punia (wrestling), Deepa Malik (para athletics)

ARJUNA AWARD: Tajinderpal Singh Toor, Md. Anas Yahiya, Swapna Barman (athletics), Ravindra Jadeja, Poonam Yadav (cricket), Sonia Lather (boxing), S. Bhaskaran (body building), Chinglensana Singh Kangjiam (hockey), Ajay Thakur (kabaddi), Gaurav Gill (motorsports) Arjum Moudgil (shooting), Harmeet Desai (table tennis), Pooja Dhandra (wrestling), Fouaad Mirza (equestrian), Gurpreet Sandhu (football), Simran Shergill (polo), B. Sai Praneeeth (badminton), Sundar Singh Gurjar (para athletics), Pramod Bhagat (para badminton)

DHYAN CHAND AWARD: Manuel Fredricks (hockey), Arup Basak (table tennis), Manoj Kumar (wrestling), Nitten Kirrtane (tennis), C. Lalremasanga (archery)

DRONACHARYA AWARD: **Regular:** Vimal Kumar (badminton), Sandeep Gupta (table tennis), Mohinder Singh Dhillon (athletics)

Lifetime: Merzban Patel (hockey), Rambir Singh Khokhar (kabaddi), Sanjay Bhardwaj (cricket)

RASHTRIYA KHEL PROTSAHAN PURUSKAR: Gagan Narang Sports Promotion Foundation, Go Sports, Rayalseema Development Trust

MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD TROPHY: Panjab University (Chandigarh)

heartening for the followers of the sport to finally see Merzban 'Bawa' Patel being recommended for the Dronacharya in Lifetime category.

Patel is credited with identifying, nurturing and promoting talent in Mumbai for more than 30 years with several internationals owing

their careers to him.

Rana's omission criticised

Meanwhile, one prominent name missing from the list of awardees was of ace shooter Jaspal Rana, who was omitted for the Dronacharya Award. The omission of the

current junior National coach who is credited with nurturing the next generation of Indian shooters, including the likes of Manu Bhaker and Sourabh Chaudhary, was widely criticised.

But sources said that the main reason was multiple recommendations from sportspersons leading to confusion & the committee deciding not to consider any of the recommendation to avoid any controversy.

Interestingly, even Mary Kom, one of the committee members, had recommended two names.

The 12-member committee was headed by retired Supreme Court judge Justice Mukundakam Sharma and included the likes of Mary Kom, Bhaichung Bhutia, Anjum Chopra, Anju Bobby George and Kamlesh Mehta besides representatives from Sports Authority of India and the sports ministry.

The awards are presented every year on August 29, Major Dhyan Chand's birthday, observed as the National Sports Day.

Dabang-Warriors match ends in stalemate

Bengaluru Bulls prove too good for Tamil Thalaivas

PKL

S. PRASANNA VENKATESAN
CHENNAI

Dabang Delhi tied with Bengal Warriors 30-30 on day one of the Chennai leg in the ongoing season of the ProKabaddi League (PKL) at the Nehru indoor stadium here on Saturday.

The match was decided on a review. With Warriors leading 30-29, it reviewed Prapranjan's raid, the last of the match. While Prapranjan said he had touched Saeid Ghaffari, the defender denied it.

After the first referee announced that the review was successful, which meant a Bengal win (31-29), the second referee discussed with the first and it was announced that the review was unsuccessful.

Earlier, Bengaluru Bulls beat Tamil Thalaivas 32-21 in the first match of the day. Thalaivas' first raid point came in around the eighth minute, when its star raider Rahul Chaudhari, who brought out the loudest cheers from the crowd, put out Rohit Kumar. Thalaivas trailed 3-10 then.



Gotcha! Bengaluru Bulls' Amit Sheron and Saurabh Mandal effect a super tackle on Thalaivas' captain Ajay Thakur. • M. VEDHAN

Bulls' Banty put out Manjeet Chhillar for a successful raid, Rahul made an empty one, Bulls' Pawan Kumar Sehrawat removed Ajeet and Thalaivas' Ajay Thakur in his raid put out Ankit, following which Bulls led 12-4.

Personal milestones

There were personal milestones for some Thalaivas players in the PKL. Manjeet played his 100th match, Ajay crossed 1600 raids and Ran Singh notched up 200 successful tackles.

Bulls, which led 17-10 at the break, saw Amit Sheron and Saurabh Mandal pull off a fine super tackle on Thalaivas' Thakur in the second half. The move helped Bulls

extend the lead to 21-17 even as Thalaivas had closed in at 17-19 before the tackle.

The result: Bengaluru Bulls 32 (Pawan Kumar Sehrawat 11) bt

Tamil Thalaivas 21 (Ajay Thakur 4, Ran Singh 4); Bengal Warriors 30 (K. Prapranjan 10) tied with Dabang Delhi 30 (Naveen Kumar 11).

Ajay Thakur thrilled

SPORTS REPORTER
CHENNAI

Asked about winning the Arjuna Award, Ajay Thakur's initial reaction was that of surprise.

“Really? I had no idea at all. I was checking my phone till 4 p.m. to know whether the names had been announced, but there was nothing

regarding it. Awards like the Arjuna push us sportspersons further because every athlete dreams of winning it from the very beginning.

“I have been playing for India for the last 15 years and kept yearning for the Arjuna. I still cannot believe my ears. What a news!”

VAR denies City against Tottenham again

Encouraging start to Arsenal's season; Nightmare start to Barca's title defence

EURO LEAGUES

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
MANCHESTER

VAR denied Manchester City against Tottenham for the second time in four months as the visitors secured a 2-2 draw at the Etihad on Saturday despite being largely outclassed by the Premier League champions.

Spurs won a thrilling Champions League quarterfinal tie between the sides last season when Raheem Sterling had an injury-time goal ruled out by VAR and City were denied once more when Gabriel Jesus saw a stoppage-time winner disallowed on review for a handball by Aymeric Laporte.

Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang was Arsenal's match-winner again as the Gabon forward sealed a 2-1 win against Burnley to extend his side's perfect start to the season.

Aubameyang had netted the only goal last weekend at Newcastle and he emulated that crucial contribution with another decisive strike at the Emirates Stadium.

Alexandre Lacazette's first



Spectacular: Aritz Aduriz's final season began with a sensational late volley. • REUTERS

goal of the season had given Arsenal the lead before Ashley Barnes equalised for Burnley just before half-time.

Reality check for Barca

Barcelona made a nightmare start to the defence of its La Liga title on Friday by losing Luis Suarez to injury and then losing 1-0 to Athletic Bilbao, after a sensational late volley from substitute Aritz Aduriz.

Suarez hobbled off in the 37th minute with what looked like a calf injury before Aduriz came on in the 88th, the 38-year-old striker who has announced he will retire at the end of the

season.

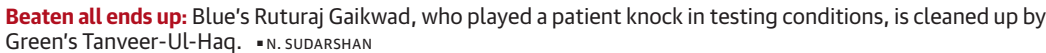
The results: La Liga: Celta Vigo 1 (Losada 90+1) lost to Real Madrid 3 (Benzema 12, Kroos 61, Lucas Vazquez 80). **On Friday:** Athletic Bilbao 1 (Aduriz 89) bt Barcelona 0.

Premier League: Manchester City 2 (Sterling 20, Aguero 35) drew with Tottenham Hotspur 2 (Lamela 23, Moura 56). Arsenal 2 (Lacazette 13, Aubameyang 64) bt Burnley 1 (Barnes 43); Aston Villa 1 (Douglas Luiz 71) losLamela 1 to Bournemouth 2 (King 2-pen, Wilson 12); Brighton 1 (Trossard 65) drew with West Ham 1 (Hernandez 61); Everton 1 (Bernard 10) bt Watford 0; Norwich 3 (Pukki 32, 63, 75) bt Newcastle 1 (Shelvey 90+3); Southampton 1 (Ings 83)

lost to Liverpool 2 (Mane 45+1, Firmino 71).

Bundesliga: Borussia Mönchengladbach 0 drew with Schalke 0. Werder Bremen 1 (Eggstein 47) lost to Fortuna Düsseldorf 3 (Hennings 36, Karaman 52, Ayhan 64); Freiburg 3 (Hoeler 82, Schmid 84, Waldschmidt 87-pen) bt Mainz 0; Bayer Leverkusen 3 (Bailey 10, Havertz 19, Volland 69) bt Paderborn 2 (Michel 15, Mamba 25); Borussia Dortmund 5 (Alcacer 3, 59, Sancho 51, Reus 57, Brandt 82) bt Augsburg 1 (Niederlechner 1); Wolfsburg 2 (Arnold 16, Weghorst 60) bt Cologne 1 (Terrodd 90+1).

On Friday: Bayern Munich 2 (Lewandowski 24, 60-pen) drew with Hertha Berlin 2 (Lukaback 36, Grujic 39).



The pace duo helps India Green call the shots on a truncated first day

N. SUDARSHAN
BENGALURU

Decision vindicated

However, in the 49 overs of cricket that was possible, the pace duo of Tanveer-Ul-Haq (17-6-36-2) and Ishan Porel

Bawane battles hard

Ruturaj Gaikwad made a patient 30 and even sent Tanveer soaring over the long-off fence once. But the left-arm pacer had his revenge,

rearranging the stumps as Gaikwad shouldered arms. When Porel forced Anmolpreet Singh to edge to Dhruv Shorey at first slip, it was left to the seasoned Ankeet Bawane (14 batting, 74b) to shore up the innings.

In the company of Ricky Bhui, he dug deep and even survived a probing 10-over period as Porel and Tanveer hunted in tandem. Runs came down to a trickle, but crucially no wickets were lost.

The introduction of spinner Rahul Chahar in the 35th over, however, appeared to relax the batsmen. It didn't take long for Ankit Rajpoot from the other end to draw Bhui into an expansive drive and have him caught in the

slips. Porel returned just after tea to dismiss the experienced Jalaj Saxena, caught by 'keeper Akshay Wadkar, to ensure that India Green will start day two on the ascendancy.

"I thought we could have bowled even better," said Tanveer later. "But overall we bowled in the right areas."

"The conditions were good for bowling, but whenever we erred, we were also punished. Ruturaj hit me for a six and the same happened to Porel when he bowled one short. The target is now to get the remaining wickets within 15-20 overs."

The scores: India Blue 112 for six in 49 overs (Ruturaj Gaikwad 30, Ishan Porel three for 26) vs India Green. **Toss:** India Green.

'I can only score runs. The rest of the things are not in my hands'

N. SUDARSHAN
BENGALURU

Raiz Fazal made his India debut much before his title-winning exploits as captain of the Vidarbha team.

It was back in 2016 that he was picked for a limited overs tour to Zimbabwe, on the back of an excellent domestic run during which the left-hander made 714 first-class runs at 44.62, including a match-winning 127 in Rest of India's chase of 480 in the Rani Cup.

In Zimbabwe, he did himself no harm by scoring an unbeaten half-century on debut. But he hasn't played for India since.

This despite winning five domestic titles in the last two years – two Ranji trophies, two Irani trophies and a Duleep Trophy, all as captain.

"You definitely get disappointed if you don't get picked," Fazal said during

the ongoing Duleep Trophy here.

"I am disappointed that I couldn't play again. But the feeling is temporary. I am back again this season. I have worked really hard in the off-season and am raring to go."

"Winning Ranji and Irani back to back was great. Such wins give you a sense of finality to all the hard work put in. But as an individual too I expected something and it didn't work out. See, I can only score runs. The rest of the things are not in my hands."

Tough to break through

Even other Vidarbha players have found it tough to break through. In recent times, not many apart from speedster Rajneesh Gurbani have made the cut even for India-A.

"As individuals, after win-



ning, we all expect to play cricket at a higher level, like playing for India and India-A. But hopefully with another good season, we can see more of them playing. We at Vidarbha aren't big names. But we are making a mark and aspiring to play higher."

hasn't been difficult, at least for him. "The game itself does that to me," the 33-year-old stated.

"My father, who is also my coach, has always told me to respect and enjoy the sport wherever I play."

"That is why I go to England in the summer. I played in the Northeast Premier League (2016, during the India call) and this time I was in Northern Ireland. During summers, Nagpur gets very hot. But I cannot sit indoors and stay idle. Playing and winning matches away in England motivates me."

It is this passion that's driving him forward.

"We want to win Ranji and Irani again. It will be tough but we are up for it. The ultimate goal for me is to play Tests. Never compromised on that. The aim is still there."

HYDERABAD: Corfe Castle, who is in fine trim, has an edge over his rivals in the Governor's Cup (1,600m), the feature event of the races to be held on Sunday.

1. DECCAN QUEEN PLATE
1 (1,200mm), maiden filled 3-y-o only (Cat. 1b, (Terms), 155-mm p. 1).
1. Alliston (6) Umesh 54.5, 2. Ayur Shakti (8) Kuldeep Singh 54.5, 3. Carmella (3) Rohit Kumar 54.5, 4. Crackershow (10) Afroz Khan 54.5, 5. Flamingo Farm (6) Akshay Kumar 54.5, 6. Moskova (2) Suraj Narredu 54.5, 7. Most Wanted (5) B.R. Kumar 54.5, 8. Original Temptress (7) Zervan 54.5, 9. Silver Set (9) A.A. Vikrant 54.5 and 10. Wah Ms Zara (4) R. Ajinkya 54.5.

1. FLAMINGO FARM, 2. MOSKOVA, 3. ORIGINAL TEMPTRESS

3. C.R. BHOPAL MEMORIAL PLATE (Div. 1d, (1,200mm), 155-mm p. 2) & over, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. 1c, 225- to 250-mm p. 1).

1. Mozambique (6) Akshay Kumar 60, 2. La Romance (10) B.R. Kumar 58.5, 3. Warrior Supreme (9) Zervan 57.5, 4. Asteria (7) Umesh 56, 5. Royal Dynamite (2) Rohit Kumar 57, 6. Arc of History (5) Gaurav

3. SH 54.5, 7. Digger (-) (-) 53, 8. Shakesphere (3) Afroz Khan 52, 9. Avantika (1) P. Sai Kumar 51.5, 10. On The Fire (8) C.P. Bopanna 51.5 and 11. Flying Spaghetti (4) Gaddam 50.5.

1. MOZAMBIQUE, 2. WARRIOR SUPREME, 3. LA ROMANCE

3. PLATE. BHOOHAL MEMORIAL C.RATE (DIV. II), (1,200m), 5-y-o & over, rated up to 65 (Cat. II), 3-00: 1. Southern Crown (5) Akshay Kumar 60, 2. Ashka Ashka Ashka (7) Koushik 59, 3. Yanga (10) B.R. Kumar 58, 4. Star Gazer (4) Jitendra Singh 56.5, 5. New's O' Star (3) Gaurav Singh 56, 6. Gorgeous Lady (2) Kiran Naidu 54.7, 7. Marina Del Rey (6) Umesh 54.5, 8. New State (9) G. Nareesh 54.5, 9. Exclusive Striker (8) Kuldeep Singh 52.5 and 10. Shandarr (1) Afroz Khan 52.5.

1. SOUTHERN CROWN, 2. ASHKA ASHKA ASHKA, 3. MARINA DEL REY

4. MANCHIRYALA PLATE (1,200m), 4-y-o & over, rated upto 25 (Cat. III), 3-30: 1. Best Friend (3) Nakhat Singh 60, 2.

4. (1) Akshay Kumar 60, 3.
 Golsland (6) Deepak Singh 59.5,
 4. Freedom Fire (4) Rohit Kumar
 58.5, 5. Just Like That (8) Ajeeth
 Kumar 58.5, 6. Rhine (2) Aneel
 58.5, 7. Recumbentbird (5) R.
 Ajinkya 57.5 and 8. Diesis Dream
 (7) Umesh 50.5.
**1. FREEDOM FIRE, 2. MOKA,
 3. DIESIS DREAM**
5. BASALANT JAH MEMORIAL CUP
 (1,200m), 3-y-o & over, rated 60
 to 85 (Cat. II), 4-00: 1. Ambitious
 Approach (5) Koushik 51.5, 2.
 Chase Your Dreams (2) Gopal
 Singh 59, 3. Isabella (8) Suraj
 Narreddu 58.5, 4. Leading Legend
 (10) B. Nikhil 58.5, 5. Classic Re-
 mark (9) Gaurav Singh 57, 6.
 Mr.Baahubali (1) Surya Prakash 56,
 7. Pentagon (6) G. Naresht 52.5, 8.
 Aragonada Princess (4) Gaddam 52,
 9. Scooby Dooby Doo (3) Ajit Singh
 52 and 10. Trump Girl (7) Abhay
 Singh 51.
**1. ISABELLA, 2. CLASSIC REMARK, 3.
 AMAZING APPROACH**
6. GOVERNOR'S CUP (1,600m), 3-
yo & over (Cat. I), (Terms), 4-
30: 1. Corfe Castle (1) Akshay Ku-

mār 59, 2. Like Wise (3) Nakhāt
 Sing 55, 3. Exclusive Wind (6) N.
 Rawal 54, 5. A. Toostie Roll (4)
 Jitendra Singh 53, 5. Phenomenal
 Cruise (5) Zervan 52 and 6. That's
 My Class (2) Ashhad Asbar 52.
1. CORFE CASTLE, 2. LIKE WISE
ASTRONOMICAL PLATE (1,400m),
 3-y-o & over, rated 20 to 45
 (Cat. 10). (No whips), 5-05: 1. Barn-
 abas (5) Jitendra Singh 60, 2. My
 Journey (3) Suraj Narreddu 59, 3.
 Magnetosphere (12) Gaurav Singh
 58, 5. 4. Alexanderthegreat (6)
 Ajeeth Kumar 57, 5. Darshish (2)
 S.G. Prasad 57, 6. Once More (10)
 C.P. Bopanna 56, 5. Alta Vita (3)
 Afroch Khan 56, 8. Semira (8) R.S.
 Jodha 56, 9. Mr. Bruss (1) Gadam-
 53, 10. Turf Choice (4) Umesw 53,
 11. Tiger of The Sea (7) Surya
 Rakesh 52, 12. Hurricane (9) N.
 Rakesh 50, 13. Stormy (11) G.
 Naresh 50, 5.
1. MY JOURNEY, 2. BARNABAS,
3. DARSHISH
 Day's best: CORFE CASTLE
 Joke: MOZAMBIQUE - ISABELLA
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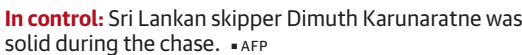
The host needs another 135 runs to take the honours in first Test

REUTERS
GALLE

Sri Lanka got off to a strong start in its chase for a 268-run victory target after skipper Dimuth Karunaratne and Lahiru Thirimanne frustrated New Zealand with a 133-run opening stand on the penultimate day of the opening Test on Saturday.

After New Zealand made 285 to leave the hosts with a tricky fourth-innings target, Karunaratne and Thirimanne batted sensibly through the last two sessions to swing momentum their way.

Karunaratne hit only two boundaries in his patient 71, while Thirimanne stroked four of them in his sedate 57 before bad light stopped play with the host needing 135 to go 1-0 up in the two-Test



The home captain needed luck to reach the 50-mark, which he did when 'keeper

B-J. Watling, who had an outstanding match with the bat, could not hold on to a catch after Karunaratne had edged

Earlier, Watling and Somerville batted resolutely to frustrate Sri Lanka after New Zealand resumed on 195 for seven. Watling, who had completed his fifty on Friday, fell for 77 which is the highest Test score by a New

New Zealand – 1st innings 249.
Sri Lanka – 1st innings: 267.
New Zealand – 2nd innings:
Jeet Raval c Karunaratne b de Silva 4, Tom Latham c Thirum-
anne b Dananjaya 45, Kane Wil-
liamson c Perera b Embuldeniya
4, Ross Taylor c de Silva b Em-
buldeniya 3, Henry Nicholls c
Mendis b de Silva 26, B-J. Wat-
ling c Dickwell b Kumara 77.
Mitchell Santner c Lakmal b
Embuldeniya 12, Tim Southee
st. Dickwell b Embuldeniya 23.
William Somerville (not out)
40, Trent Boult c de Silva b Ku-
mara 26, Ajaz Patel lbw b de
Silva 14; Extras: (nb-2, b-4)

Zealand wicketkeeper in Sri Lanka. Trent Boult chipped in with 26 while Somerville remained not out on 40 after facing 118 balls.

For the host, spinners Lasith Embuldeniya (four for 99) and Dhananajaya de Silva (three for 25) did well.

lb-5): 11; Total: (in 106 overs): 285.

Fall of wickets: 1-8, 2-20, 3-25, 4-81, 5-98, 6-124, 7-178, 8-224, 9-260.

Sri Lanka bowling: Lakmal 12-3-27-0, Dananjaya 32-4-84-1, de Silva 12-3-25-3, Embuldeniya 3-4-37-99-4, Kumara 10-0-31-2.

Sri Lanka — 2nd innings: Dimuthi Karunaratne (batting) 71, Lahiru Thirimanne (batting) 57; Extras: (b-4, lb-1) 5; Total (for no loss in 50 overs): 133.

New Zealand bowling: Boult 6-1-21-0, Southee 5-1-8-0, Somerville 20-5-36-0, Patel 10-0-37-0, Santner 9-1-26-0.

Y.B. SARANGI
KOLKATA

Real Kashmir FC on Saturday thwarted a strong challenge from a young FC Goa side to ensure a 0-0 draw and advance to the semifinals of the Durand Cup football tournament.

Both sides were locked on seven points apiece after splitting points in their last Group-C outing at Kalyani, but RKFC made it to the last four on a better goal difference.

RKFC will meet Group-B topper Mohun Bagan, while Group-A leader East Bengal will take on the best Group-D team Gokulam Kerala FC in an all-I-League affair on Wednesday.

Aggressive start
In a virtual quarterfinal,

RKFC started on an attacking note but received some solid retaliation from FC Goa. Livewire Liston Colaco provided a fine chance to Lalawmpuia in the 23rd minute but the latter hit the post to the utter disappointment of the Indian Super League franchise.

FC Goa weathered the wrath of RKFC, led by Danish Faroqi, in the second half. One of Danish's forays was nicely tackled by Goa captain Leander Dcunha in the 54th minute, while another header from a long free-kick was saved by custodian Antonio D'Silva in the 65th minute.

Goa had a last try through Kingsley Fernandes in the 90th minute but the RKFC defence, led by its alert keeper Phurba Lachenpa, foiled the plot.

The Group-D match between bottom-placed teams

TRAU FC and Chennaiyin FC which got postponed owing to bad weather conditions on Friday, was abandoned on Saturday due to force majeure.

The result assured Gokulam, which has six points, of a place in the semifinals.

In case the Kerala outfit loses to TRAU and Indian Air Force (which is second with three points) beats Chennaiyin in their last group matches, Gokulam – which earlier defeated IAF 3-0 – will go through on head-to-head result.

The results:

Group-A: Jamshedpur FC 3 (Vimala, Aakash 51, Nabin 80) drew with Bengaluru FC 3 (Leon 45, Suresh 90-p and 95-p).

Group-B: Mohun Bagan 1 (Frank Gonzalez 58-p) bt Indian Navy 0.

Group-C: Real Kashmir 0 drew with FC Goa 0.

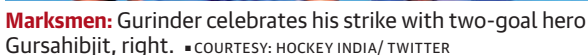
Group-D: Chennaiyin FC vs TRAU FC match abandoned.

Mandeep and Gursahibjit score a brace each

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TOKYO

The Indian men's hockey defeated Malaysia 6-0 in its opening encounter of the Olympic Test Event here on Saturday. Forwards Man-



deep Singh (33rd, 46th) and Gursahibjit Singh (18th, 56th) scored two goals each, while Gurinder Singh (eighth) and S.V. Sunil (60th) also registered their names on the scoresheet.

The experienced Sunil, Mandeep and Gursahibjit created chances inside the



his strike with two-goal hero

BY INDIA/ TWITTER

first 10 minutes for India. Mandeep looked in good rhythm as he took two shots at the Malaysian goal, but its custodian Kumar Subramiam was up to the task.

Gurinder converted India's first penalty corner in the eighth minute. The following minutes saw India dominate its opponent and win four penalty corners through great attacking play.

Ashish Kumar Topno, Nilesh Sanjeev Kess and Vivek Kumar Prasad got the penalty corners for India.

However, the good work by the first rushers and a couple of fine saves by Subramiam meant India could only manage one goal in the opening quarter.

India score its second in the 18th minute through forward Gursahibjit, who was found inside the striking circle by Gurjant Singh.

World No. 12 Malaysia also forced the Indian custodian Suraj Karkera to make a couple of fine saves in the next few minutes, but could not

pull a goal back before the half-time break.

Creative play

India continued to attack at the start of the third quarter and vice-captain Mandeep registered his name in the scoresheet in the 33rd minute after Jaskaran Singh set him up well through some creative play.

The last quarter saw India score three more goals. Mandeep got his second in the 46th minute, which was the goal of the match, as India attacked Malaysia on the counter. A Malaysian penalty corner was well-defended by India, which converted into an attack and it was finished off by Mandeep (4-0).

The fifth and sixth goals came in the 56th and 60th minutes. India will play World No. 8 New Zealand on Sunday.

The result:

India 6 (Gurinder Singh 8, Mandeep Singh 33, 46, Gursahibjit Singh 18, 56, S.V. Sunil 60).

Gurjit Kaur scores both the goals as they down Japan 2-1

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TOKYO

The Indian women's hockey team started its campaign in the Olympic test event with a resilient 2-1 victory over host Japan here on Saturday.

India took an early lead through penalty corner specialist Gurjit Kaur in the ninth minute, but the host equalised in the 16th through Aki Mitsuhashi's field goal.

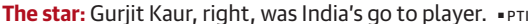
Gurjit stepped up again in the 35th minute to convert yet another penalty corner, which turned out to be the decisive goal in the match.

India started with an aggressive intent and had a few opportunities in the opening 10 minutes.

Timely substitutions

Both the teams, playing with 16 players as per the Olympic Games guidelines, made swift and timely substitutions throughout, and it was in the 16th minute that Japan's substitution worked.

The 29-year-old Mitsu-



hashi combined well with her teammates before drawing parity.

With majority of the attacks coming from India, Japan sat back and looked to attack on the counter.

The teams have played each other frequently in the past couple of years, which showed on the field as they understood each other's tactics well, and it meant that the teams went into the half-

time level 1-1.

In the third quarter India got another penalty corner in the 35th minute.

Moment of magic

A moment of magic from Gurjit saw India regain its one-goal advantage as the 23-year-old smashed the ball into the back of the net.

The result: India 2 (Gurjit Kaur 9, 35) bt Japan 1 (Aki Mitsuhashi 16).

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
COLUMBUS (OHIO)

India's Anirban Lahiri stayed in sight of a good finish, even holding a share of the lead for a short period in the second round of Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship here.

Towards the afternoon, two mistakes gave him a bogey each and he fell back to even par for the day. At four-under 138, he is tied eighth, but four shots behind leader Kevin Dougherty (66), who held the 36-hole lead at 134 (-8).

With the cut coming in at one-over 143, Lahiri was in the upper rows of the leaderboard, while Shubhankar Sharma exited early with a 79, after 75 in the first round.

Lahiri, who was four-under 67 for the first day, called it disappointing.

Brandon Hagy sits alone in second, one stroke back.

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Cincinnati Open tennis: Sony ESPN (SD & HD), 1.30 a.m. (Monday)

Overwhelmed, says Mirza



Fouaad Mirza.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Rider Fouaad Mirza has described himself as “overwhelmed” by his selection for the Arjuna Award.

Mirza shone at last year’s Asian Games, winning one silver medal in individual eventing and another as part of the Indian side in the team event.

“I am overwhelmed with this announcement and grateful to the selection committee which has considered me suitable for the Arjuna Award,” Mirza said here on Saturday. “It will be my honour to be felicitated at the Rashtrapati Bhavan by the President.”

The 27-year-old from Bengaluru trains at the Embassy International Riding School.

Last year, he became the first Indian rider to win an Asian Games individual medal in equestrian since 1982.

Nihal Ullal leads Shivamogga to a comprehensive win

Takes the Hubli bowlers to the cleaners during his unbeaten 88

KPL

SHREEDUTTA CHIDANANDA
BENGALURU

A superb unbeaten 88 by Nihal Ullal led Shivamogga Lions to a comprehensive six-wicket win over Hubli Tigers in the KPL. Set 155 for victory, Shivamogga cruised home with two overs to spare at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium here on Saturday.

Ullal was at the vanguard of the pursuit, his 60-ball knock studded with 11 fours and three sixes.

Clear approach Shivamogga’s approach to the run-chase was clear. The openers came out swinging, with Ullal taking charge, as the power-play yielded 54 runs.

Ullal was one of the two players Shivamogga had retained going into this year’s action, despite the fact that the batsman had not enjoyed a great season last time, scoring only 90 runs from five innings.

The 26-year-old repaid the faith here, taking the Hubli bowlers to the cleaners. Vinay Kumar was cut and pulled, and Aditya Somanna driven sweetly through extra-cover.

The leg-spinner Mahesh Patel came in for some harsh treatment, as Ullal slogswept him twice into the stands.

The 50 was raised with a searing cover-drive off Abhilash Shetty before Praveen Dubey was carted over cow-corner.

With Pavan Deshpande (20) and Akshay Ballal (20) giving Ullal able support, Shivamogga made short work of the target.



Quickfire: Nihal Ullal’s 60-ball knock was studded with 11 fours and three sixes. *K. MURALI KUMAR

Earlier, Pawan anchored the Hubli effort with a rapid half-century after Vinay Kumar had won the toss and elected to bat first.

Different game Pawan had developed a reputation as a stodgy opening batsman during his time with the Karnataka Ranji Trophy side, but the 31-year-old showed here that there is a different side to his game too.

He struck seven fours and one huge six, off T. Pradeep. That six took Pawan to a 35-ball-50 but he fell one ball later, holing out off a full toss.

Pawan’s dismissal brought to an end a 49-run-stand for the fourth wicket with K.L. Shriji that had propped up

the Hubli innings.

On either side of that partnership, the batsmen floundered. T. Pradeep took three key wickets, removing the opener Luvnith Sisodia early before accounting for both Pawan and Shriji in quick succession.

Hubli managed to cross the 150-run-mark, but that score would prove vastly inadequate.

Ballari wins a thriller

In the day’s second game, Ballari Tuskers edged Belagavi Panthers by five runs in a thriller.

Batting first, Ballari rode on Devdutt Padikkal’s fifty to make 143 for five in 20 overs.

In reply, Belagavi seemed out of the contest at 54 for

five, but a late rally by Ritesh Bhatkal and Abhinav Manohar dragged the side close.

That, however, was not enough as Ballari’s K. Gowtham successfully defended 13 off the final over.

The scores:

Hubli Tigers 154 in 20 overs (K.B. Pawan 53, K.L. Shriji 33, H.S. Sharath two for 30, T. Pradeep three for 47, Rishabh Singh three for 19) lost to Shivamogga Lions 155 for four in 18 overs (Nihal Ullal 88 n.o., Mitrankanth Yadav two for 26).

Ballari Tuskers 143 for five in 20 overs (Devdutt Padikkal 54, Abhishek Reddy 35, C.M. Gautam 27, Zahoor Farooqui two for 28) bt Belagavi Panthers 138 for eight in 20 overs (Ritesh Bhatkal 27, Abhinav Manohar 26, Bhavesh Gulecha two for 15, Prasidh Krishna two for 26, K. Gowtham two for 32).

Harmeet advances

Sanish, Sushmit also enter semifinals

SOUTH ZONE TT

A. VINOD
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Sixth seed Harmeet Desai celebrated his selection for the prestigious Arjuna Award in style on the fourth day of the UTT-South Zone National-ranking table tennis championships at the Jimmy George indoor stadium here on Saturday.

The Gujarat paddler, representing Petroleum Sports Promotion Board, hardly gave Subhajit Saha any chance, before winning 11-8, 11-4, 12-10, 11-6.

He will now take on Soumyajit Ghosh (Haryana) who too produced a tremendous show against the No. 2 seed Sudhanshu Grover (PSPB), winning 12-10, 11-1, 11-4, 11-7.

Fourth-seeded Sanish Shetty overcame fifth-seeded Jeet Chandra 11-2, 9-11, 11-8, 9-11, 11-4, 11-8. Sushmit Sriram (TN) in his quarterfi-

nal encounter, was stretched by Anirban Ghosh (Railways) before prevailing 11-8, 7-11, 11-7, 11-7, 5-11, 11-9.

Top-seeded Suthiritha Mukherjee was shown the door by Senhora D’Souza in the quarters 11-7, 13-11, 10-12, 11-3, 9-11, 11-8.

No. 2 Madhrika Patkar was upset by Diya Chitabale in the pre-quarters 5-11, 11-8, 11-8, 11-4, 11-7. However, Diya failed in the quarters against Ayhika Mukherjee who romped home at 11-6, 11-2, 11-5, 11-3.

Selenadeepthi Selvakumar (TN) got to a 3-0 lead against Mousumi Paul (PSPB). But Mousumi battled hard to take the match into the final game. However, Selenadeepthi clinched the marathon at 11-7, 11-4, 14-12, 5-11, 8-11, 10-12, 11-8.

The other quarterfinal saw Shruti Amrute taking out Anusha Kumtable 12-10, 11-6, 5-11, 11-6, 11-9.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Arshdeep sets up easy win for Cambridge

BENGALURU: Arshdeep Brar (five for 11) powered Cambridge CC past Shantingnar Cricketers in the Y.S. Ramaswamy memorial tournament here.

The scores: Shantingnar Cricketers 54 in 11.5 overs (Pavan 28, Muthu three for 21, Arshdeep Brar five for 11) lost to Cambridge 57 for one in 10.3 overs.

Kapali 139 in 45 overs (Rahul Kumar 66, Anand Doddamani three for 13, Sudeep three for 41) lost to Mount Joy 141 for one in 15 overs (Sudeep 68 n.o., Bharath Dhuri 64 n.o.).

Chintamani SA 239 in 41 overs (Gaurav Dhiman 35, Abhishek Nair 25, Arjun Arora 73 n.o., Rajat Hegde 48, S. Shreyas four for 49) bt Visweswarapuram (2) 205 in 48.1 overs (P.C. Srikar 25,

Shabarish 93, Gaurav Dhiman four for 35).

Vultures 328 for seven in 49 overs (Saideep Ganesh 51, Mashooq Hussain 28, Pavan Deshpande 109, Praveen Dubey 77, J. Suchith 26) bt National United 132 in 39.4 overs (Srinivas 40, Abhishek Ahlawat three for 46) (overs reduced due to rain).

Mercara Youth 95 in 32.5 overs (Ram 30, S. Luvnith three for 21) lost to Sir Syed Cricketers 99 for two in 8.4 overs (Parikshith Shetty 63 n.o.).

Malleswaram United 138 in 46.4 overs (Jatin 32, Yashas 32, Akshay four for seven) lost to Social Cricketers 139 for three in 13.1 overs (Dikshanshu Negi 62, Stalin Hoover 35).

Vijaya 208 in 48.4 overs (Aryan Srivastav 42, Dilip 52, Madhu 40, Abhijith four for 32) lost to Young Challenging Cricketers 209 for seven in 46.4 overs (Prajwal 53, Chandan 85 n.o., Ashwin Ram four for 30).

Djokovic has the measure of Pouille

REUTERS
CINCINNATI

Novak Djokovic wore down Lucas Pouille after an even first set, dispatching the Frenchman 7-6(2), 6-1 in a Cincinnati Masters quarter-final here on Friday.

It took Djokovic nearly an hour to prevail in the first set but he closed out a one-sided tiebreak with a deft backhand passing shot.

The results:

(quarterfinals): Men: Novak Djokovic bt Lucas Pouille 7-6 (2), 6-1; Daniil Medvedev bt Andrey Rublev 6-2, 6-3; Richard Gasquet bt Roberto Bautista Agut 7-6(2), 3-6, 6-2; David Goffin bt Yoshihito Nishioka, walkover.

Women: Ashleigh Barty bt Maria Sakkari 5-7, 6-2, 6-0; Svetlana Kuznetsova bt Karolina Pliskova 3-6, 7-6(2), 6-3; Madison Keys bt Venus Williams 6-2, 6-3; Sofia Kenin bt Naomi Osaka 6-4, 1-6, 2-0 ret'd.

Silky Town 135 in 43.2 overs (Shah Mudassar 32, Sharbanna three for 26) lost to Xi XI 136 for four in 31.1 overs (Raghavendra 28, Ajay 63 n.o.).

Aaron’s effort goes in vain

Aaron Dino’s 21 points went in vain as IBBC lost to BCBC 53-79 in the boys’ semifinal league of the State under-18 basketball tournament here on Saturday.

The results (semifinal league):

Boys: SAI (Dharwad) 85 (C. Arpan 21, J. Tabiyarun, F. Harsha 19) bt DYES (Bengaluru) 72 (A.K. Rakshit 16, Shashank Sai 12); BCBC 79 (Akshan 20, S. Vedanth 15) bt IBBC 53 (Aaron Dino 21).

Girls: DYES (Mysuru) 63 (M.S. Harini 23, Jeshnavi 13) bt Mounts Club 57 (Abigail Deepa 21, Reshma Ramesh 10).

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Beloved baby dugong dies in Thailand
BANGKOK
A sick baby dugong whose fight for recovery won hearts in Thailand and cast a spotlight on ocean conservation has died from an infection exacerbated by bits of plastic lining her stomach, officials said on Saturday. AFP



Court rejects girl's bid to join German boys choir
BERLIN
A court in Germany has rejected a 9-year-old girl's bid to join a centuries-old Berlin boys choir. On Friday, the Berlin administrative court said the choir's right to choose its singers outweighed the principle of gender equality. The choir was founded in 1465. AP



Elvis Presley animated spy series in the works
LOS ANGELES
Streaming platform Netflix has ordered an Elvis Presley animated action comedy series *Agent King*. Netflix announced the project on August 16, which marked the 42nd anniversary of the music icon's death. PTI

30 years on, an ultra-marathon to remember Berlin Wall victims

Memorials along the 160-km-route tell the personal stories of many of the 130 people killed while trying to cross the Cold War relic

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BERLIN
Where guard towers and barbed wire once stood, runners pouned the 160 km path along the former Berlin Wall on Saturday.
Around 500 runners, started the 8th edition of the Berlin Wall Race, ahead of the 30th anniversary of the Wall's demise this November.
With weary legs, most runners will jog through Saturday night, aiming to reach the city centre stadium which doubles as both start and finish, in the early hours of Sunday.
The race is part ultra-marathon tribute to those who died trying to cross the Wall, which the East German communist regime hastily erected in 1961 and stood for 28 years.
Precious little of the original concrete structure remains, most of it hurriedly



Memory lane: A runner rests by a portion of the Berlin Wall while another, right, crosses a former watchtower. ■AFP



torn down when East Germany collapsed in late 1989.
The longest single section is the kilometre-long East Side Gallery, where the former symbol of oppression is now covered in art, a popular backdrop for tourists posing for selfies.
What was once a heavily-fortified border strip that encircled West Berlin and patrolled by guards under

shoot-to-kill orders, was in 2006 turned into the 'Mauerweg' or Berlin Wall path.
Historic landmarks
It passes iconic landmarks such as the Brandenburg Gate and Checkpoint Charlie as well as leafy suburbs, farmland and forests.
Along the route, memorials tell the personal stories of many of the around 130

people killed along the Wall.
"When you move around Berlin now, you hardly see any of the Wall left, but when you run the path and see its scale, you have a better understanding of the divide it caused," said race organiser Olaf Ilk, who was born in East Germany and was 24 when the Wall fell.
The mammoth race is not for the faint-hearted: it is effectively four marathons back-to-back.
"You know you are going to feel pain, you have to accept it and think 'I can do one step more'," said Patrik Gullerstrom, from Stockholm, who hopes to finish in under 17 hours and has run the race four times previously.
The course record, set by Briton Mark Perkins in 2014,

stands at a mind-blowing 13 hours, 6 minutes.
Russian-born Israeli Tom Shenbrun, 50, whose grandfather was part of the Red Army which invaded Berlin in 1945, was inspired to run the race by the Wall's history.
Divided nation
"As a Jew, it's something very special. You feel the history all along the course, you see the guard towers and you can understand how it divided a nation, families, friends," he said.
The East German authorities "were prepared to shoot people on the basis of ideology. History is something we must learn from and must not be repeated," he added.
The Wall's history is entwined in the race's DNA.
Registration for the following year's race always opens at 18:57 local time (16:57 GMT) on November 9 – marking the exact moment in 1989 when East Germany lifted its travel ban.
Each year, one Wall victim features on start numbers and finisher medals, while a ceremony is held at the spot where they died.
For the first race in 2011, Chris Gueffroy, the last person shot dead on the Berlin Wall, was honoured.
He was killed in February 1989, nine months before the Wall fell, and on Sunday, Gueffroy's mother Karin will present medals at the finishers' ceremony.
Last year, the Wall's youngest victim, Joerg Hartmann, a 10-year-old boy shot dead by East German border guards in 1966 while trying to visit his father in the west, was honoured.
Having each been asked to carry a gift for him, last year's runners piled cuddly toys at the spot where he was killed.

Hollywood actor Peter Fonda, of *Easy Rider* fame, dies at 79

He earned an Oscar nomination for his role in *Ulee's Gold*

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LOS ANGELES
U.S. actor Peter Fonda, the star of the classic 1969 road movie *Easy Rider*, died on Friday, aged 79, from respiratory failure due to lung cancer, his family said.
Fonda passed away peacefully at his home in Los Angeles surrounded by relatives, a statement said.
"While we mourn the loss of this sweet and gracious man, we also wish for all to celebrate his indomitable spirit and love of life," it said.
Fonda was the brother of U.S. activist and actor Jane Fonda, and the son of actor Henry Fonda.
In a statement, Jane Fonda said, "I have had beautiful alone time with him these last days. He went out laughing."
He co-wrote and produced *Easy Rider*, in which he appeared alongside its director Dennis Hopper and a young Jack Nicholson.
The wildly successful film became an anti-establish-



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JANE FONDA
Actor and Peter's sister
ment cult classic, and earned Fonda an Academy Award nomination for Best Original Screenplay.
The movie is credited with ushering in an era of counter-culture, independent film-making.
"EASY RIDER depicted the rise of hippie culture, condemned the establishment, and celebrated freedom. Peter Fonda embodied those values and instilled

them in a generation," wrote *Goodfellas* actor Illeana Douglas on Twitter. "Independent cinema begins with EASY RIDER."
Fonda had been planning a 50th anniversary screening and concert of *Easy Rider* in New York next month. He played a biker in the film – an anti-hero role he would take up many times in his career.
He was nominated for an Oscar again almost three decades later, in the best actor category, for *Ulee's Gold* (1997), but lost out to Nicholson.
Fonda began his career as a stage actor on Broadway in his native New York.
He was also a keen environmentalist, co-producing the 2012 film *The Big Fix*, which centred on the explosion of the BP oil rig Deepwater Horizon, the ensuing spill and its consequences.
Fonda married three times, and leaves behind two children, including actor Bridget Fonda.

New species of freshwater fish found

Both have morphological features that allow them to thrive in hill streams

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Scientists of the Zoological Survey of India have discovered two new species of freshwater fish from the north-eastern and northern parts of the country.
While *Glyptothorax gopii*, a new species of catfish was found in Mizoram's Kaladan river, *Garra simbalbaraensis* was found in Himachal Pradesh's Simbalbara river. Both fish, measuring less than seven centimetres, are hill stream fauna and are equipped with special morphological features to suit rapid water flow.
Glyptothorax gopii (measuring 63 mm standard length without caudal fin) is dark brown on its dorsal surface, and its ventral surface is of a yellowish-light brown. *Garra simbalbaraensis* (measuring 69 mm standard length without caudal fin) has a yellowish-grey colour fading ventrally.
The details of the two discoveries were published in *Zootaxa* earlier this month. While *Glyptothorax gopii* has been named to celebrate



Aquatic wonders: *Garra simbalbaraensis* and, below, *Glyptothorax gopii*. ■SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

the contribution of taxonomist K.C. Gopi, *Garra simbalbaraensis* takes its name from the Simbalbara river.
In remote streams
"Both these species were discovered from remote areas, for instance, *Glyptothorax gopii* was discovered from Champai district in Mizoram near the India-Myanmar border. *Garra simbalbaraensis* has been found in the Sirmour district of Himachal Pradesh," said L. Kosygin Singh, one of the scientists

behind the discoveries.
Mr. Singh said that *Glyptothorax gopii* has an axe-shaped anterior nuchal plate (bone below dorsal fin), which makes it distinct from other species of the genus *Glyptothorax*.
The elliptical thoracic adhesive apparatus and plicae (folds of tissue) present on the ventral surfaces of the pectoral-fin spine help the fish cling to rocks.
Garra simbalbaraensis has a prominent unlobed and rounded proboscis with

tubercles that help the fish in manoeuvrability. Mr. Singh, who heads the freshwater fish section of ZSI, has earlier discovered four species of *Gara* (which has an evolved disc to attach to rocky surfaces).
The discoveries include *Garra compressa* in the year 1998, *G. elongata* (2000), *G. tamangi* (2016), and *G. chindwinensis* (2018).
Among catfish (characterised by whiskers), the scientist earlier discovered *Myersglanis jayarami* (1999), *Glyptothorax senapatiensis* (2015), and *Olya parviocula* (2018), all from north-eastern India.
Experts suggest that the origin or evolution of the fishes in the Himalayas and north-eastern parts of India must have been the consequence or after-effects of orogenic events (geological movement) at various stages in the Himalayas' uplift.
Detailed surveys can provide valuable information about the evolutionary trends and many rare groups of fishes can be found, Mr. Singh said.

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